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Section 10A
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Overview

10A.1 The broad orientation of UNCTAD is the promotion of international trade, with a view to maximizing the trade and development opportunities of developing countries. The principal intergovernmental bodies providing policy guidance and overall direction to the work of the UNCTAD secretariat are the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which convenes every four years, and the Trade and Development Board.

10A.2 At the eighth session of the Conference, which took place at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, in February 1992, member States agreed on a far-reaching restructuring of its intergovernmental machinery and a comprehensive reorientation of the substantive work of its secretariat. In that light, the Trade and Development Board adopted the terms of reference of its new intergovernmental bodies and established their programmes of work.

10A.3 In the context of the restructuring exercise approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/212 B of 6 May 1993, the activities of the Commission on Transnational Corporations and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development were transferred to UNCTAD. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/130 of 19 December 1994, the Commission on Transnational Corporations was renamed the Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations and integrated into the intergovernmental machinery of UNCTAD.

10A.4 UNCTAD's intergovernmental structure thus consists of the Trade and Development Board, which convenes in regular and executive sessions, and the following subsidiary bodies:

Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations
Special Committee on Preferences
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Tungsten
Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore
Standing Committee on Commodities
Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors
Standing Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries
Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation

10A.5 In addition, ad hoc working groups have been set up to deal with the following areas: (a) trade, environment and development; (b) the role of enterprises in development; (c) trading opportunities in the new international trading context; and (d) the issue of structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament. Standing committees concentrate on policy issues and consensus-building, while ad hoc working groups undertake technical in-depth examination of new and emerging issues having a bearing on development or new aspects of long-standing problems that require detailed technical study. Immediately prior to the ninth session of the Conference in 1996, the Trade and Development Board will review the functioning of its subsidiaries bodies with a view to making recommendations to the Conference.

10A.6 Substantive servicing of all meetings related to the ninth session of the Conference, the Trade and Development Board and its subsidiary bodies, and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development is provided by the relevant units of the UNCTAD secretariat.

10A.7 Following efforts to streamline UNCTAD's secretariat structure and rationalize its programme of work, it is proposed to abolish seven General Service posts (Other level), which have become redundant as a result of technological improvements made under programme support and data management. In order to provide continuity and strengthen the programme on transnational corporations, it is proposed to convert a temporary D-2 post dealing with transnational corporations activities to established status. In response to changing programme emphasis and workload, it is also proposed to redeploy a number of posts between programmes to strengthen substantive areas, as reflected in the proposed staffing tables for the biennium 1996-1997 and summarized below:

	Professional category and above							*General Service category*			
	D-2	*D-1*	*P-5*	*P-4*	*P-3*	*P-2*	*Total*	*Principal level*	*Other level*	*Total*	*Grand total*
B. Executive direction and management	(1)	1	—	(1)	(1)	—	(2)	(1)	(6)	(7)	(9)
C. Programme of work											
International competition and trade policies	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	1	1	3
Commodities	—	—	(1)	—	—	—	(1)	—	—	—	(1)
Poverty alleviation	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	2
Economic cooperation among developing countries	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)	—	—	—	(1)
Enlarged economic spaces, regional integration processes and systemic issues of international trade	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	3
Privatization, entrepreneurship and competitiveness	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Domestic reforms and resource mobilization	—	—	—	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	—	—	(1)
Data management	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)	—	—	—	(1)
Structural adjustment and trading opportunities	—	—	—	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	—	—	(1)
Export capacity	—	—	(1)	(1)	—	—	(2)	—	(1)	(1)	(3)
Trade efficiency	—	—	—	2	—	1	3	—	2	2	5
Shipping, ports and multimodal transport	—	—	—	(2)	1	—	(1)	—	—	—	(1)
Science and technology for development	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	2
Transnational corporations	—	—	—	—	(1)	1	—	—	—	—	—
D. Programme support	—	(1)	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	1	2
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

10A.8 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of UNCTAD for the biennium 1996-1997 would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	0.6	—
B.	Executive direction and management	5.6	—
C.	Programme of work	77.7	85.0
D.	Programme support	16.1	15.0
	Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 10A.1 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Programme		*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
				Amount	*Percentage*			
A.	Policy-making organs	213.0	1 106.4	(468.8)	(42.3)	637.6	35.4	673.0
B.	Executive direction and management	11 058.5	8 094.5	(1 881.8)	(23.2)	6 212.7	391.4	6 604.1
C.	Programme of work	73 653.6	85 245.8	654.9	0.7	85 900.7	5 052.8	90 953.5
D.	Programme support	15 228.4	19 133.1	(1 290.4)	(6.7)	17 842.7	709.8	18 552.5
	Total	**100 153.5**	**113 579.8**	**(2 986.1)**	**(2.6)**	**110 593.7**	**6 189.4**	**116 783.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
5 193.3	5 035.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	4 966.0
		(b) Substantive activities	
1 075.3	207.0	Trust Fund for Policy Analysis on Transnational Corporations	—
5.7	15.0	Trust Fund for the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting	—
10.2	7.0	Trust Fund for Special Activities in Science and Technology for Development	—
		(c) Operational projects	
18 855.0	15 200.0	UNDP	13 200.0
20 009.0	23 300.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	25 000.0
45 148.5	**43 764.0**	**Total**	**43 166.0**
145 302.0	**157 343.8**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**159 949.1**

Table 10A.2 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	89 028.0	99 687.1	(1 295.3)	(1.2)	98 391.8	5 524.5	103 916.2
Other staff costs	947.4	1 089.2	(37.7)	(3.4)	1 051.5	53.4	1 104.9
Consultants and experts	2 658.0	3 021.1	(100.0)	(3.3)	2 921.1	170.6	3 091.7
Travel	1 946.0	2 773.4	(492.5)	(17.7)	2 280.9	134.3	2 415.2
Contractual services	601.9	849.6	(100.7)	(11.8)	748.9	38.5	787.4
General operating expenses	2 667.8	3 237.7	(94.4)	(2.9)	3 143.3	163.0	3 306.3
Supplies and materials	1 327.0	1 435.5	50.0	3.4	1 485.5	76.1	1 561.6
Equipment	921.7	1 486.2	(915.5)	(61.6)	570.7	29.1	599.8
Improvement of premises	55.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**100 153.5**	**113 579.8**	**(2 986.1)**	**(2.6)**	**110 593.7**	**6 189.4**	**116 783.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*1996-1997 estimates*
20 226.8	19 950.0	Posts	19 730.0
5 510.4	5 069.0	Other staff costs	5 000.0
6 220.0	7 000.0	Consultants and experts	7 000.0
4 876.8	4 660.0	Travel	4 651.0
384.0	500.0	Contractual services	500.0
1 365.8	1 015.0	General operating expenses	1 015.0
1 874.8	1 000.0	Equipment	1 000.0
4 689.9	4 570.0	Other expenditures	4 270.0
45 148.5	**43 764.0**		**43 166.0**
145 302.0	**157 343.8**		**159 949.1**

Table 10A.3 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	7	8	1	—	—	—	8	8
D-1	25	25	—	—	4	3	29	28
P-5	55	55	—	—	5	5	60	60
P-4/3	132	132	—	—	—	1	132	133
P-2/1	37	37	—	—	—	—	37	37
Total	**257**	**258**	**1**	**—**	**9**	**9**	**267**	**267**
General Service category								
Principal level	12	12	—	—	—	—	12	12
Other levels	180	173	—	—	16	16	196	189
Total	**192**	**185**	**—**	**—**	**16**	**16**	**208**	**201**
Other categories								
Local level	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
Total	**4**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**4**
Grand total	**453**	**447**	**1**	**—**	**25**	**25**	**479**	**472**

A. Policy-making organs

Table 10A.4 **Summary of requirements by programme**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	—	619.7	(468.8)	(75.6)	150.9	10.5	161.4
Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations	113.9	139.5	—	—	139.5	7.2	146.7
Commission on Science and Technology for Development	99.1	347.2	—	—	347.2	17.7	364.9
Total	**213.0**	**1 106.4**	**(468.8)**	**(42.3)**	**637.6**	**35.4**	**673.0**

Table 10A.5 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Other staff costs	—	186.9	(145.1)	(77.6)	41.8	2.9	44.7
Travel	213.0	807.1	(320.4)	(39.6)	486.7	24.9	511.6
General operating expenses	—	112.4	(3.3)	(2.9)	109.1	7.6	116.7
Total	**213.0**	**1 106.4**	**(468.8)**	**(42.3)**	**637.6**	**35.4**	**673.0**

Ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

10A.9 The Trade and Development Board decided that the ninth session of the Conference would be held in February-March 1996 in pursuance of rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, which provides that "the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development ... shall normally meet at intervals of not more than four years". The ninth session of the Conference was previously scheduled to be held in 1995.

Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations

10A.10 The intergovernmental Commission on Transnational Corporations, established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1913 (LVII), with a composition of 48 members meeting annually, became a commission of the Trade and Development Board and was renamed the Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/130. The Commission provides overall guidance to UNCTAD's programme of work on transnational corporations and interrelated issues. In accordance with Council resolution 1913 (LVII), the Commission is assisted by 16 expert advisers, serving in their private consultative capacity. The Commission is also assisted by the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, which is composed of 34 members. As requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/130, the Commission will keep under review the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

10A.11 Established by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992, the intergovernmental Commission on Science and Technology for Development provides overall direction to the programme of work on science and technology. The Commission, composed of 53 members, meets biennially and reports to the Economic and Social Council. The third session will be held in 1997. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/75, the Commission receives specialized and expert advice from ad hoc panels and workshops, meeting four times between sessions of the Commission to examine specific issues related to science and technology for development.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Other staff costs

10A.12 A provision of $41,800 is requested for overtime for use during the ninth session of the Conference, to be held in February-March 1996.

General operating expenses

10A.13 The provision of $109,100 would provide $14,700 for official functions and $94,400 for miscellaneous supplies and services, including communications, required for the ninth session of the Conference.

Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations

Travel

10A.14 An amount of $139,500 is required for the travel of 16 experts, serving in their personal capacity, to participate in the annual sessions of the Commission.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Travel

10A.15 An amount of $347,200 is requested to provide for the travel of one representative of each member State participating in the third session of the Commission, in 1997, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/235, and for attendance at four inter-sessional meetings of ad hoc panels and workshops to provide expertise to the Commission, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/75.

B. Executive direction and management

Table 10A.6 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	10 363.7	7 774.8	(1 823.2)	(23.4)	5 951.6	378.1	6 329.7
Consultants and experts	156.9	78.0	(22.8)	(29.2)	55.2	2.7	57.9
Travel	462.3	165.4	(30.2)	(18.2)	135.2	6.9	142.1
Contractual services	72.4	76.3	(5.6)	(7.3)	70.7	3.7	74.4
General operating expenses	3.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**11 058.5**	**8 094.5**	**(1 881.8)**	**(23.2)**	**6 212.7**	**391.4**	**6 604.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
767.0	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
—	—	(c) Operational projects	—
767.0	**—**	**Total**	**—**
11 825.5	**8 094.5**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**6 604.1**

Table 10A.7 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Office of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
D-1	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
P-5	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-4/3	9	7	—	—	—	—	9	7
Total	**15**	**13**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**15**	**13**
General Service category								
Principal level	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	1
Other levels	19	13	—	—	—	—	19	13
Total	**21**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**21**	**14**
Grand total	**36**	**27**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**36**	**27**

10A.16 The Secretary-General of UNCTAD provides overall guidance on the substantive orientation as well as the management of the UNCTAD secretariat, including its intergovernmental machinery, particularly the quadrennial sessions of the Conference and sessions of the Trade and Development Board.

10A.17 The Task Force Unit of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s ensures that the pervasive economic problems that afflict the African region are fully addressed, within UNCTAD and the United Nations system, in a coordinated manner. The activities carried out by the Task Force Unit will be the responsibility of the Director of Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries, while the coordination of those activities remains with executive direction and management. UNCTAD's contribution to the New Agenda involves identification of actions needed to ensure that efforts of African countries provide a context in which growth and structural transformation can reinforce each other. The main areas of focus involve debt and resource flows; commodities and diversification; structural adjustment programmes and policy reforms; sustained and sustainable development; population; environment and development; regional cooperation and integration; export performance; and problems of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, as well as related technical cooperation activities.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Overall direction and management of the UNCTAD intergovernmental mechanisms; liaison activities, including services of the New York Office of UNCTAD; substantive communication and dialogue with external entities, in particular with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the business sector and academic circles in line with the Cartagena Commitment; substantive interaction with the non-governmental liaison services; processing of applications from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for observer status with UNCTAD; and processing of invitations addressed to UNCTAD for meetings and representation.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Reports to the Trade and Development Board on UNCTAD's contribution to the New Agenda (annual); analytical study on achievement of sustained and sustainable growth;

analytical study on trade, commodities and diversification; and annual report to the General Assembly on the critical economic situation in Africa.

3. Published material

Recurrent publications. Trade and Development (annual); *UNCTAD Bulletin* (quarterly).

4. Information materials and services

(a) *Booklets, pamphlets.* Ad hoc information booklets and audiovisual material on UNCTAD for the public and media;

(b) *Press releases.* On UNCTAD activities and meetings, and press briefings and encounters on trade and development issues;

(c) *Guided tours, lectures and seminars.* Responses to individual requests for information and documentation, briefings for study programmes and group visits;

(d) *Special events.* Preparation of documentation and audiovisual material, and press and public encounters in the context of the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison, consultation and cooperation with other United Nations entities and with organizations of the United Nations system. Coordination of programmes and operational activities in the context of the New Agenda. UNCTAD's role in that regard will focus in particular on the areas of debt servicing and negotiation, diversification, sustainable growth and investment promotion.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.18 Resources would provide for 13 posts in the Professional category and above and 14 General Service posts. This reflects a net reduction of nine posts due to the following redeployments: one D-2 post to science and technology for development to strengthen that programme and to provide direction to the Division for Science and Technology; one P-4, one P-3 and one General Service (Principal level) post to programme support, following the transfer of the Technical Cooperation Unit out of executive direction and management to programme support; one General Service (Other level) post to the subprogramme on poverty alleviation; two General Service (Other level) posts to the subprogramme on enlarged economic spaces, regional integration processes and systemic issues of international trade; two General Service (Other level) posts to the subprogramme on trade efficiency; one General Service (Other level) post to the science and technology for development programme; and the redeployment to executive direction and management of one D-1 post from programme support.

Consultants and experts

10A.19 Estimated requirements of $55,200, reflecting a decrease of $22,800, would provide for analysis of new and emerging issues to be brought to the attention of the Trade and Development Board; and assessment of work programme implications in the context of the ninth session of the Conference.

Travel

10A.20 The estimated requirements of $135,200, reflecting a decrease of $30,200, would provide for consultations with member Governments and heads of other United Nations entities, and for representation at intergovernmental, inter-agency and inter-departmental meetings at policy-making levels; inter-agency and inter-departmental coordination and consultations; public information activities; and consultations related to the ninth session of the Conference.

Contractual services

10A.21 The estimated requirements of $70,700 are for printing the review *Trade and Development* and the *UNCTAD Bulletin*.

C. Programme of work

10A.22 In the implementation of its programme of work, the UNCTAD secretariat will also be guided by the relevant programmes of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1) and by the decisions of the ninth session of UNCTAD regarding the institutional adaptation, functions and methods of work of the Organization. Within the programme of work, the estimated distribution of resources by programme would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Programme 13 Trade and development	49.0	22.3
Programme 14 Trade expansion, export promotion and service sector development	19.6	63.3
Programme 15 Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes	10.6	4.0
Programme 17 Science and technology for development	7.7	1.5
Programme 23 Transnational corporations	13.1	8.9
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 10A.8 Summary of requirements by programme

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
13. Trade and development							
1. International competition and trade policies	5 494.6	3 332.3	642.6	19.2	3 974.9	262.9	4 237.8
2. Commodities	8 561.4	10 519.3	(298.3)	(2.8)	10 221.0	570.0	10 791.0
3. Development finance and debt	826.3	4 037.1	(2.8)	—	4 034.3	263.6	4 297.9
4. Poverty alleviation	—	1 072.2	475.1	44.3	1 547.3	100.7	1 648.0
5. Economic cooperation among developing countries	4 620.2	4 606.6	(213.1)	(4.6)	4 393.5	155.3	4 548.8
6. Global interdependence: the international trading, monetary and financial systems; international implications of macroeconomic policies	3 471.8	4 386.5	27.1	0.6	4 413.6	215.4	4 629.0
7. Enlarged economic spaces, regional integration processes and systemic issues of international trade	1 467.0	1 542.8	648.6	42.0	2 191.4	(181.9)	2 009.5
8. Privatization, entrepreneurship and competitiveness	—	1 549.3	203.1	13.1	1 752.4	115.6	1 868.0
9. Domestic reforms and resource mobilization	5 546.3	2 116.1	(171.5)	(8.1)	1 944.6	96.5	2 041.1
11. Data management	9 719.5	8 649.9	(1 005.2)	(11.6)	7 644.7	493.3	8 138.0
Total	**39 707.1**	**41 812.1**	**385.6**	**0.7**	**42 117.7**	**2 091.4**	**44 209.1**
14. Trade expansion, export promotion and service sector development							
1. Structural adjustment and trading opportunities	3 346.6	2 674.0	(173.9)	(6.5)	2 500.1	163.2	2 663.3
2. Export capacity	—	1 751.7	(730.1)	(41.6)	1 021.6	66.6	1 088.2
3. Trade efficiency	—	3 476.0	1 037.9	29.8	4 513.9	294.2	4 808.1
4. Service development	—	1 587.6	(3.0)	(0.1)	1 584.6	102.6	1 687.2
5. Shipping, ports and multimodal transport	6 210.6	6 268.8	(291.9)	(4.6)	5 976.9	391.8	6 368.7
6. Insurance	891.3	1 201.6	—	—	1 201.6	79.0	1 280.6
Total	**10 448.5**	**16 959.7**	**(161.0)**	**(0.9)**	**16 798.7**	**1 097.4**	**17 896.1**
15. Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes							
1. Least developed countries	4 462.2	6 449.2	—	—	6 449.2	418.0	6 867.2
2. Land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes	1 926.7	2 682.2	(8.6)	(0.3)	2 673.6	172.8	2 846.4
Total	**6 388.9**	**9 131.4**	**(8.6)**	**—**	**9 122.8**	**590.8**	**9 713.6**

Programme	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
17. Science and technology for development							
Science and technology for development	6 012.3	6 096.0	518.9	8.5	6 614.9	431.0	7 045.9
Total	**6 012.3**	**6 096.0**	**518.9**	**8.5**	**6 614.9**	**431.0**	**7 045.9**
23. Transnational corporations							
Transnational corporations	11 096.8	11 246.6	—	—	11 246.6	842.2	12 088.8
Total	**11 096.8**	**11 246.6**	**—**	**—**	**11 246.6**	**842.2**	**12 088.8**
Grand total	**73 653.6**	**85 245.8**	**654.9**	**0.7**	**85 900.7**	**5 052.8**	**90 953.5**

Table 10A.9 Summary by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 appropriations	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	1996-1997 estimates
Posts	69 123.9	80 101.6	705.9	0.8	80 807.5	4 755.0	85 562.5
Other staff costs	178.9	112.7	—	—	112.7	4.4	117.1
Consultants and experts	2 501.1	2 923.1	(67.8)	(2.3)	2 855.3	167.2	3 022.5
Travel	1 174.9	1 621.0	(13.8)	(0.8)	1 607.2	99.8	1 707.0
Contractual services	430.7	487.4	30.6	6.2	518.0	26.4	544.4
General operating expenses	191.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supplies and materials	14.5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment	38.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**73 653.6**	**85 245.8**	**654.9**	**0.7**	**85 900.7**	**5 052.8**	**90 953.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
4 426.3	4 235.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	4 231.0
		(b) Substantive activities	
1 075.3	207.0	Trust Fund for Policy Analysis on Transnational Corporations	—
5.7	15.0	Trust Fund for the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting	—
10.2	7.0	Trust Fund for Special Activities in Science and Technology for Development	—
		(c) Operational projects	
18 855.0	15 200.0	UNDP	13 200.0
20 009.0	23 300.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	25 000.0
44 381.5	**42 964.0**	**Total**	**42 431.0**
118 035.1	**128 209.8**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**133 384.5**

Table 10A.10 **Post requirements**

Programme: Programme of work

Established posts		Temporary posts					
Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above							
D-2	5	7	1	—	—	—	6	7
D-1	21	21	—	—	3	2	24	23
P-5	47	47	—	—	3	3	50	50
P-4/3	114	114	—	—	—	—	114	114
P-2/1	36	36	—	—	—	—	36	36
Total	**223**	**225**	**1**	**—**	**6**	**5**	**230**	**230**
General Service category								
Principal level	7	7	—	—	—	—	7	7
Other levels	129	131	—	—	4	5	133	136
Total	**136**	**138**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**5**	**140**	**143**
Other categories								
Local level	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
Total	**4**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**4**
Grand total	**363**	**367**	**1**	**—**	**10**	**10**	**374**	**377**

Programme 13
Trade and development

10A.23 Programme 13 covers the broad area of trade and development within the context of the partnership for development as agreed at the eighth session of UNCTAD, promoting an improvement in trading conditions for developing countries and countries in transition.

10A.24 The estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 International competition and trade policies	9.4	10.3
Subprogramme 2 Commodities	24.3	13.8
Subprogramme 3 Development finance and debt	9.6	56.5
Subprogramme 4 Poverty alleviation	3.7	—
Subprogramme 5 Economic cooperation among developing countries	10.4	7.6
Subprogramme 6 Global interdependence; the international trading, monetary and financial systems; international implications of macroeconomic policies	10.5	4.1
Subprogramme 7 Enlarged economic spaces, regional integration processes and systemic issues of international trade	5.2	3.4
Subprogramme 8 Privatization, entrepreneurship and competitiveness	4.2	0.8
Subprogramme 9 Domestic reforms and resource mobilization	4.6	2.1
Subprogramme 10 Environment and sustainable development (see para. 10A.65)	—	—
Subprogramme 11 Data management	18.1	1.4
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

10A.25 Subprogrammes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 have been designated high priority by the General Assembly.

Subprogramme 1
International competition and trade policies

Table 10A.11 Summary by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	5 204.4	3 206.6	647.9	20.2	3 854.5	256.2	4 110.7
Consultants and experts	206.4	83.2	(5.3)	(6.3)	77.9	4.6	82.5
Travel	83.8	42.5	—	—	42.5	2.1	44.6
Total	**5 494.6**	**3 332.3**	**642.6**	**19.2**	**3 974.9**	**262.9**	**4 237.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
40.0	97.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	97.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
160.0	400.0	UNDP	400.0
145.0	350.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	350.0
345.0	**847.0**	**Total**	**847.0**
5 839.6	**4 179.3**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**5 084.8**

Table 10A.12 Post requirements

Programme: International competition and trade policies

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-4/3	4	6	—	—	—	—	4	6
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**9**	**11**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**9**	**11**
General Service category								
Other levels	5	6	—	—	—	—	5	6
Total	**5**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**6**
Grand total	**14**	**17**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**14**	**17**

10A.26 Under the subprogramme, work will focus on evaluating the implications for developing countries and countries in transition of the Uruguay Round agreements and the analysis of special problems faced by the least developed countries and net-food-importing countries in the post-Uruguay Round trading system; studies on competition policy and reporting on developments in this area as well as servicing of intergovernmental consultations on competition policy and restrictive business practices; analysis of the relationship between environmental and trade policies and, in particular, the impact of developments in this field on developing countries; the Uruguay Round agreement on food production; substantive support to technical cooperation relating to competition policy and restrictive business practices, trade and environment, assessment of the results of the Uruguay Round; and assistance, as requested, to developing countries in the context of participation in the World Trade Organization Trade Policy Review Mechanism.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*

(i) Report to the General Assembly on the effects of the results of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations on food production, including agro-industrial products and global food security in developing countries;

(ii) Reports to the Trade and Development Board (4);

(iii) Reports to the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices (6);

(iv) Reports to the Ad Hoc Working Group on Trade, Environment and Development (4);

(v) Reports to the Commission on Sustainable Development (4);

(b) *Ad hoc expert group*. The relationship between trade and competition policies.

2. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. Information notes on developments in the area of competition policy and restrictive business practices (4); reports on technical cooperation activities in the area of trade and environment (2); and reports on database on environmental measures with possible trade effects (2);

(b) *Non-recurrent publications (3)*. Reconciliation of environmental and trade policies — a synthesis of country case-studies; trade and environment — the developing countries' perspective; and selected trade problems facing developing countries, particularly the least developed, in the implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements;

(c) *Technical material*. Bibliography of material dealing with restrictive business practices issues; database relating to decisions by competition authorities and courts; and database relating to the implementation of the relevant Uruguay Round agreements.

3. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services*. Advisory missions and backstopping thereof, relating to trade policy reforms; adoption, revision and implementation of competition legislation in developing countries; and trade and environment;

(b) *Group training*. Fourteen seminars and backstopping thereof, relating to competition legislation and elimination or control of restrictive business practices (10), and trade and environment (4);

(c) *Field projects*. On trade policy reforms (6), on competition policy (4) and trade and environment (10).

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Cooperation with regional commissions, especially with regard to enhancing the capacity of developing countries to assess market access conditions; with FAO and the World Trade Organization; participation in meetings of the World Trade Organization Committee on Trade and Environment meetings; the Commission on Sustainable Development; the UNEP Governing Council; and cooperation and consultations with those organizations.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.27 This subprogramme would comprise 11 posts in the Professional category and above and 6 General Service posts, including an increase of 3 posts due to the following redeployments: 1 P-4 and 1 General Service post from the subprogramme on export capacity and 1 P-3 post from the subprogramme on economic cooperation among developing countries.

Consultants and experts

10A.28 Estimated requirements of $77,900 would provide $41,800 for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports, and $36,100 for one expert group meeting in the context of a multilateral agreement on trade and competition.

Travel

10A.29 The amount of $42,500 would provide for consultations with Governments and FAO, for information collection and participation in international meetings on trade and environment.

Subprogramme 2
Commodities

Table 10A.13 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	8 294.8	10 142.9	(287.7)	(2.8)	9 855.2	551.3	10 406.5
Consultants and experts	105.4	209.8	(10.0)	(4.7)	199.8	10.1	209.9
Travel	159.2	166.6	(0.6)	(0.3)	166.0	8.6	174.6
Contractual services	2.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**8 561.4**	**10 519.3**	**(298.3)**	**(2.8)**	**10 221.0**	**570.0**	**10 791.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
216.0	130.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	130.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
444.0	100.0	UNDP	100.0
1 219.0	900.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	900.0
Total	**1 879.0**	**1 130.0**	**1 130.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**10 440.4**	**11 649.3**	**11 921.0**

Table 10A.14 **Post requirements**

Programme: Commodities

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	6	5	—	—	—	—	6	5
P-4/3	15	15	—	—	—	—	15	15
P-2/1	8	8	—	—	—	—	8	8
Total	**32**	**31**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**32**	**31**
General Service category								
Other levels	14	14	—	—	—	—	14	14
Total	**14**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**14**	**14**
Grand total	**46**	**45**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**46**	**45**

10A.30 During the biennium 1996-1997, emphasis will be placed on promoting sound, compatible and consistent policies, which, *inter alia*, take into account market trends at national and international levels in the commodity field; optimizing the contribution of the commodity sector to development, with a special focus on ensuring sound management of natural resources with a view to achieving sustainable development; gradual reduction of excessive dependence on the export of primary commodities through diversification of production and exports as well as crop substitution; progressive removal of trade barriers for commodity products; improving efficiency and greater use of mechanisms for minimizing the risks arising from commodity market fluctuations; reinforcing and improving producer and consumer cooperation in individual commodities in order to contribute to the solution of problems in the commodity area; and enhancement of technical cooperation in the field of commodities.

Activities

1. International cooperation

(a) *Promotion of legal instruments*. Convening of United Nations conferences at the request of Governments to negotiate successor agreements to the International Jute and Jute Products Agreement, 1989 (due to expire on 11 April 1996) and the International Sugar Agreement, 1992 (due to expire on 31 December 1995);

(b) *Depositary services*. The International Cocoa Agreement, 1993; the International Sugar Agreement, 1992; the International Jute and Jute Products Agreement, 1989; the International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1987, and its successor; the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 1993; the terms of reference of the International Tin Study Group, 1989; the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1993; and the International Wheat Agreement, 1986;

(c) *External relations*. Liaison functions will be maintained with the following producer and consumer organizations: International Cocoa Organization, International Sugar Organization, International Coffee Organization, International Natural Rubber Organization, International Tropical Timber Organization, International Jute Organization, International Cotton Advisory Committee, International Olive Oil Council, International Wheat Council and International Study Groups on Copper, Lead and Zinc, Nickel and Rubber. In addition, close contacts will be maintained with interregional and regional commodity producer organizations as well as with non-governmental organizations and commodity bodies, including industry associations; and other intergovernmental bodies, notably the

Common Fund for Commodities, OECD, the Commission of the European Communities, and the secretariats of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, the Latin American Economic System and OAU.

2. *Parliamentary services*

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*

(i) Report to the General Assembly on world commodity trends and prospects;

(ii) Reports to United Nations conferences on sugar (3); jute and jute products (3); and olive oil and table olives (3);

(iii) Reports to the Standing Committee on Commodities (5);

(iv) Reports to the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore (2);

(v) Reports to the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Tungsten (2);

(b) *Ad hoc expert groups (3)*. Competitiveness of natural products with environmental advantages; the use of national assurance funds to provide for the exploitation of natural resources in a context of sustainable development; and a multilateral cooperative approach to internalization.

3. *Published material*

(a) *Recurrent publications (8)*. Report of the Standing Committee on Commodities; report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore; reports of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Tungsten; and the *UNCTAD Minerals Yearbook*;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications (20)*. Effects of the Uruguay Round on price risk management; commodity risk management and government finance; new mechanisms in commodity trade and finance; trends in foreign investment in transitional economies' mineral sector; commodity trade expansion and domestic economic restructuring; post-Uruguay Round commodity trade flows and issues concerning processing in selected developing countries; recent developments in marketing, risk management and finance practices in selected commodities; input-output analyses for selected countries of linkages between resource industries (mineral and agricultural) and other sectors of the national economy; resource assessment methods and national accounting for primary commodity production and consumption in the context of sustainable development; national experiences with resource development and diversification; institutional reform and other requirements for an integrated, multidisciplinary and participatory approach to sustainable resource development; impact of macroeconomic policy on resource development; planning for resource development, including opportunity and other costs relevant to island economies; demand for, and supply potential of, environmentally preferable natural products; impact on the environment of main distortions in price mechanisms; applicability of life-cycle analysis to commodity issues; internalization of externalities for specific commodities; multilateral approaches to internalization; and the International Sugar Agreement;

(c) *Technical material*. Thematic analyses of 18 commodities; training manuals on environmentally preferable products; training manuals on internalization; revised users' guide for a microcomputer-based commodity information and analysis system (MICAS); diskettes containing MICAS database on individual commodities.

4. *Operational activities*

(a) *Advisory services*. Operation and functioning of international commodity agreements/arrangements; commodity risk management and finance; technical and policy aspects of resource development; expansion of trade in environmentally preferable products and the internalization of environmental externalities; enhancing the role of the iron ore and tin sectors in trade and development; dissemination of information on innovative mining and mineral processing systems, including waste management technology and reduction of emissions from iron ore agglomerating plants; preparing commodity projects for financing through the Common Fund for Commodities; and installing MICAS for selected commodities;

(b) *Group training*. Workshops on government policies for commodity risk management and finance; expansion of trade in environmentally preferable products and the internalization of environmental externalities; national and regional MICAS development; commodity processing for vertical diversification; environmental legislation with specific regard to resource development, including financial assurance for the rehabilitation of exploited resource sites; institutional upgrading and capacity-building in the use of techniques and tools for geo-management; mechanisms for popular participation in resource development decision-making; and on the setting up of new commodity exchanges.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

As the principal intergovernmental forum in the field of commodities, UNCTAD will continue to facilitate the coordination of activities of all United Nations bodies involved in the field. It will maintain close contact with the FAO Committees on Commodity Problems, Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, and its intergovernmental groups dealing with specific agricultural products and with the World Trade Organization in respect of the liberalization of commodity trade and with its councils on bovine meat and milk and dairy products. The UNCTAD secretariat will cooperate and coordinate in particular with the Department for Development Support and Management Services, the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, UNDP, UNEP, ITC and the regional commissions. Exchange of information and coordination of activities with the specialized agencies of the United Nations will continue, particularly with UNESCO, FAO, UNIDO, ILO, IMF and the World Bank, and the regional and subregional development banks.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.31 This subprogramme would comprise 31 posts in the Professional category and above and 14 General Service posts, reflecting a decrease of 1 P-5 post redeployed to the subprogramme on poverty alleviation.

Consultants and experts

10A.32 Estimated requirements of $199,800 would provide $125,300 for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports, and $74,500 for three ad hoc expert group meetings referred to above.

Travel

10A.33 It is estimated that $166,000 would be required for consultations with the secretariats of international commodity organizations and relevant governmental, industrial and non-governmental organizations; for consultations with and representation at meetings of FAO; fact-finding missions to commodity exporting and importing countries in support of the preparation of parliamentary documentation and studies for the use of UNCTAD intergovernmental bodies and commodity conferences and meetings; and for support to and consultations with Governments relating to the negotiation of successor arrangements to international commodity agreements.

Subprogramme 3
Development finance and debt

Table 10A.15 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	774.1	3 828.0	—	—	3 828.0	253.0	4 081.0
Consultants and experts	32.1	104.3	(2.8)	(2.6)	101.5	5.3	106.8
Travel	20.1	104.8	—	—	104.8	5.3	110.1
Total	**826.3**	**4 037.1**	**(2.8)**	**—**	**4 034.3**	**263.6**	**4 297.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
422.0	585.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	533.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
2 126.0	2 000.0	UNDP	1 000.0
1 121.0	2 500.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	3 100.0
3 669.0	**5 085.0**		**4 633.0**
4 495.3	**9 122.1**		**8 930.9**

Table 10A.16 **Post requirements**

Programme: Development finance and debt

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	1
P-5	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-4/3	5	5	—	—	—	—	5	5
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**10**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**—**	**11**	**10**
General Service category								
Other levels	7	7	—	—	—	—	7	7
Total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**7**
Grand total	17	17	—	—	1	—	18	17

10A.34 In 1996 and 1997 this subprogramme will be oriented towards further research in international capital flows, the future evolution of the international debt strategy, debt reorganization, debt management and finance for sustainable development. As a follow-up to the Ad Hoc Working Groups on Investment and Financial Flows and on the Role of Enterprises in Development, work will be undertaken on the question of capital market development, interactions between enterprise development and the capital markets and banking systems, and access of small and medium-sized enterprises to different sources of finance. The subprogramme will support the intergovernmental consideration of debt questions with research and policy analysis; participation in creditor club debt renegotiation meetings (Paris Club); analysis and advice will be provided to developing countries undergoing debt renegotiation; and an advanced computerized debt management system for effective debt management will be developed and training of personnel in the use of the system will be carried out.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Documentation for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Role of Enterprises in Development and input on environmental finance to reports for the Commission on Sustainable Development.

2. Published material

Technical material. Financial mechanisms to promote ecologically sound development; reports to multilateral debt rescheduling meetings on the economic situation and prospects of countries requesting debt rescheduling; reports on bilateral debt conversions; report on debt owed to non-Paris Club creditors; and users' guides and training manuals on the use of advanced computerized debt management systems.

3. Information materials and services

Exhibits and other visual material. Demonstrations of the new debt management and financial analysis system to beneficiary countries, to UNCTAD intergovernmental meetings and to other international and regional meetings.

4. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services*. Suitable debt management systems and appropriate institutional and legal arrangements to enhance effective management; appropriate use of new financial mechanisms such as debt-for-environment swaps, tradeable permits on carbon emission, joint implementation schemes and build-operate-transfer arrangements; and capital market development and the use of derivatives for managing interest rate and foreign exchange risks;

(b) *Group training*. Training in debt conversions for debtor countries to benefit from the Paris Club debt conversion clause; and group training within the framework of country projects for installation and implementation of UNCTAD computerized debt management and financial analysis system, training to operate and manage the system and to develop a national capacity for effective debt management.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

UNCTAD will continue to cooperate closely and coordinate its work with agencies and organizations dealing with international finance, especially IMF, the World Bank, OECD, the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Bank for International Settlements, as well as concerned United Nations entities. With respect to debt management, UNCTAD will continue to collaborate closely with UNDP and the World Bank.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.35 This subprogramme would comprise 10 posts in the Professional category and above and 7 General Service posts.

Consultants and experts

10A.36 An estimated amount of $101,500 would provide for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports.

Travel

10A.37 An estimated amount of $104,800 is requested for travel to the annual IMF/World Bank meetings; consultation with and information-gathering from international institutions, regional bodies and private financial institutions relating to capital market development and financial risk management; attending meetings on and providing advisory services on environmental finance; participation in Paris Club debt renegotiation meetings; demonstration of and advisory services on computerized systems of debt management and financial analysis; and advisory services on debt management and capital market development.

Subprogramme 4
Poverty alleviation

Table 10A.17 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	921.2	472.5	51.2	1 393.7	93.0	1 486.7
Consultants and experts	—	93.8	—	—	93.8	4.8	98.6
Travel	—	57.2	2.6	4.5	59.8	2.9	62.7
Total	**—**	**1 072.2**	**475.1**	**44.3**	**1 547.3**	**100.7**	**1 648.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
			(a) Services in support of:	
	—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
	7.0	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
	—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
			(c) Operational projects	
	—	—	UNDP	—
	51.0	—	Technical cooperation trust funds	—
Total	**58.0**	**—**		**—**
Total (1) and (2)	**58.0**	**1 072.2**		**1 648.0**

Table 10A.18 **Post requirements**

Programme: Poverty alleviation

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
P-4/3	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**3**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**4**
General Service category								
Other levels	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	2
Total	**1**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**2**
Grand total	**4**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**6**

10A.38 The Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation serves as an international forum for exchanging and examining issues, experiences and approaches in alleviating poverty. The programme of work has focused on the issues of poverty alleviation through international trade, including policies to reduce poverty through foreign trade and projections of the impact of the Uruguay Round agreements on poverty, as well as effective official development assistance approaches for alleviating poverty.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Notes for the Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation on trends in poverty alleviation as a result of smallholder participation in agricultural commodity exports; poverty reduction through foreign direct investment; trade impact of the Uruguay Round on poverty in developing countries; and poverty alleviation through science and technology: recommendations of the Standing Committee for transmittal to the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty.

2. *Operational activities*

Advisory services. Evaluating the impact on poverty of the Uruguay Round and such regional trade agreements as Mercosur; the role of export-oriented micro- and small-scale enterprises in reducing poverty; and development of proposals for cost-effective programmes aimed at alleviating and reducing poverty.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.39 This subprogramme would comprise four posts in the Professional category and above and two General Service posts, including an increase of two posts due to the following redeployments: one P-5 post redeployed from the subprogramme on commodities and one General Service post redeployed from executive direction and management.

Consultants and experts

10A.40 Estimated requirements of $93,800 would provide for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports.

Travel

10A.41 The estimated requirements of $59,800 relate to travel on fact-finding, information-collecting and consultative missions.

Subprogramme 5
Economic cooperation among developing countries

Table 10A.19 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	4 517.7	4 424.5	(211.3)	(4.7)	4 213.2	146.8	4 360.0
Consultants and experts	26.1	115.3	(1.9)	(1.6)	113.4	5.0	118.4
Travel	76.4	66.8	0.1	0.1	66.9	3.5	70.4
Total	**4 620.2**	**4 606.6**	**(213.1)**	**(4.6)**	**4 393.5**	**155.3**	**4 548.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			(a) Services in support of:	
	—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
	58.0	72.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	72.0
	—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
			(c) Operational projects	
	228.0	50.0	UNDP	50.0
	220.0	500.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	500.0
Total	**506.0**	**622.0**		**622.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**5 126.2**	**5 228.6**		**5 170.8**

Table 10A.20 **Post requirements**

Programme: Economic cooperation among developing countries

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	6	5	—	—	—	—	6	5
P-2/1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**13**	**12**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**13**	**12**
General Service category								
Other levels	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
Total	**6**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**6**
Grand total	**19**	**18**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**19**	**18**

10A.42 In view of the fact that ECDC is largely oriented towards field activities, the work programme for the biennium 1996-1997 has been refocused on those areas which are of direct relevance to integration groupings themselves. As a result the secretariat will give priority to identifying new potentials for economic cooperation and integration at the interregional level. The focus will be on enterprise cooperation as a means of increasing investment flows among developing countries and establishing joint ventures, and encouraging the establishment of interregional institutional mechanisms and promoting contacts between enterprises of developing countries and their organizations at the interregional level.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Reports for the Standing Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries on ECDC issues; and on evaluation of new developments in the area of ECDC;

(b) *Substantive services*. Coordination Committee on Multilateral Payments Arrangements and Monetary Cooperation among Developing Countries and annual meetings of the Directors of the Asian Clearing Union (Governors of Central Banks) for promoting monetary cooperation in the Asian countries;

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups*. Meeting on developing an international dialogue between donors and participants in ECDC programmes.

2. *Published material*

(a) *Recurrent publications*. *ECDC Newsletter* (3 per year);

(b) *Non-recurrent publications*. State of South-South cooperation;

(c) *Technical material*. Regional experiences in the light of new orientations in the economic integration process of developing countries; the role of bilateral trade and economic cooperation agreements in fostering interregional economic cooperation among developing countries; successes and failures of regional integration and cooperation arrangements; new challenges to and potential of the process of ECDC; impact of the liberalization of investment on the cooperation among enterprises of developing countries at the interregional level; possibility of joint actions between developed and developing countries in the areas of South-South investment, production and marketing; interregional trade expansion by enterprises through countertrade and other non-traditional forms of trade; developments in multilateral payments and monetary cooperation arrangements among developing countries; review of the situation of South-South trade in the new international trading environment; strengthening national and interregional trade financing, export guarantee and export insurance facilities from the perspective of expanding South-South trade; deepening and strengthening monetary cooperation and measures for harmonizing financial policies to strengthen cooperation among developing countries; facilitating direct investment among developing countries; the impact of economic integration on the flow of foreign direct investment; the development of regional capital markets and strengthening interactions between them; technological cooperation among developing countries: problems and potential of the commercialization/application of research and development results; current trends and modalities of cooperation in the field of technology in Africa; the scope and features of subregional, regional and interregional components of development assistance programmes and policies of donors; identification of problems encountered by the financial institutions of donor countries in providing concessional loans and lines of credits to subregional development banks in recipient developing countries in support of ECDC programmes; identification of financial and institutional arrangements required for strengthening the national capacity of developing countries in ECDC areas; policy frameworks and experiences of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Council in regional cooperation, and their relevance to other integration groupings; and identification of potential regional cooperation arrangements between developing countries and neighbouring countries in transition.

3. *Operational activities*

(a) *Advisory services*. Problems of integration; trade liberalization and customs cooperation; institutional capacity-building; fostering closer contacts and cooperation among enterprises; trade cooperation and expansion, monetary, financial and investment cooperation; broadening and strengthening institutional and technical capacities of trade financing and trade promotion organizations; and partnership arrangements and cooperation between enterprises and research and development organizations of developing countries;

(b) *Group training*. Seminars on interregional enterprise cooperation in promoting investment flows among developing countries; joint actions between developed and developing countries in the areas of investment, production and marketing; new orientations and emerging issues affecting the process of economic integration among developing countries; two seminars (in Africa and Latin America) on the mobilization of domestic resources of developing countries through establishment and strengthening regional capital markets; three vocational training programmes to be carried out within the framework of ECDC; two training programmes for the dissemination of information on ways and means of obtaining financial, technical and other support to ECDC projects; and two workshops on facilitating inter-African and Arab cooperation in the field of technology applications and commercialization;

(c) *Field projects*. A programme of technical cooperation to establish institutional mechanisms such as business information networks; and a technical cooperation programme with participation of, or a

joint programme with, regional development banks in support of trade financing in developing countries and regions.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison and coordination with UNDP, regional commissions and agencies of the United Nations system concerned with economic integration, trade, monetary, financial, investment and enterprise cooperation and related issues.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.43 This subprogramme would comprise 12 posts in the Professional category and above and 6 General Service posts, reflecting a decrease of 1 P-3 post, which would be redeployed to the subprogramme on international competition and trade policies.

Consultants and experts

10A.44 The estimated requirements of $113,400 would provide $71,100 for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports, and $42,300 for an ad hoc expert group meeting.

Travel

10A.45 The requirements of $66,900 would provide for field travel for activities that have a strong interregional component; advisory and other missions in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean; consultations with UNDP, regional commissions and interregional groups and enterprise associations; and participation in workshops.

Subprogramme 6
Global interdependence: the international trading, monetary and financial systems; international implications of macroeconomic policies

Table 10A.21 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 348.8	4 082.1	—	—	4 082.1	198.4	4 280.5
Consultants and experts	14.1	114.7	(10.0)	(8.7)	104.7	5.2	109.9
Travel	13.0	66.1	—	—	66.1	3.5	69.6
Contractual services	95.9	123.6	37.1	30.0	160.7	8.3	169.0
Total	**3 471.8**	**4 386.5**	**27.1**	**0.6**	**4 413.6**	**215.4**	**4 629.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	26.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	39.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
—	—	UNDP	—
—	200.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	300.0
Total	**—**	**226.0**	**339.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**3 471.8**	**4 612.5**	**4 968.0**

Table 10A.22 **Post requirements**

Programme: Global interdependence: the international trading, monetary and financial systems; international implications of macroeconomic policies

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-4/3	5	5	—	—	—	—	5	5
Total	**9**	**9**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**9**	**9**
General Service category								
Other levels	9	9	—	—	—	—	9	9
Total	**9**	**9**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**9**	**9**
Grand total	**18**	**18**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**18**	**18**

10A.46 The subprogramme will continue to provide the analytical underpinning for intergovernmental discussions designed to advance understanding of global interdependence and build consensus on policy action at the national and international level for the benefit of all countries, especially developing countries. The following areas will be covered by the subprogramme: interactions between the international monetary, financial and trading systems; international imbalances; international implications of monetary and fiscal policies and issues related to their coordination; the evolution of the international trading, monetary and financial systems; and good management at the international level, including effective multilateral surveillance of macroeconomic policies.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Report on aspects of global interdependence and development policies to the Trade and Development Board;

(b) *Ad hoc expert groups*. International implications of macroeconomic policies and issues concerning global interdependence, and the evolution of, and interrelationships between, the international trading, monetary and financial systems.

2. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications. Trade and Development Report* (annual);

(b) *Technical material.* Compendiums of reports and studies on current monetary and financial issues (4).

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

UNCTAD will exchange information and coordinate its work closely with relevant United Nations entities and continue to collaborate with the World Bank, IMF, the regional commissions, regional development banks and other multilateral institutions active in the field of international economic issues.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.47 This subprogramme would comprise nine posts in the Professional category and above and nine General Service posts.

Consultants and experts

10A.48 The amount of $104,700 would provide $52,600 for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports, and $52,100 for two ad hoc expert group meetings.

Travel

10A.49 The amount of $66,100 would provide for representation on the Interim and Development Committees and at IMF/World Bank meetings, and consultations on aspects of global interdependence with United Nations entities, including regional commissions, the World Bank and IMF, and OECD and other regional organizations.

Contractual services

10A.50 The amount of $160,700 is required for printing the *Trade and Development Report*.

Subprogramme 7
Enlarged economic spaces, regional integration processes and systemic issues of international trade

Table 10A.23 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 450.6	1 416.1	657.3	46.4	2 073.4	(188.3)	1 885.1
Consultants	16.4	89.2	(8.7)	(9.7)	80.5	4.6	85.1
Travel	—	37.5	—	—	37.5	1.8	39.3
Total	**1 467.0**	**1 542.8**	**648.6**	**42.0**	**2 191.4**	**(181.9)**	**2 009.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
179.0	32.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	32.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
1 341.0	200.0	UNDP	200.0
35.0	50.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	50.0
Total	**1 555.0**	**282.0**	**282.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**3 022.0**	**1 824.8**	**2 291.5**

Table 10A.24 **Post requirements**

Programme: Enlarged economic spaces, regional integration processes and systemic issues of international trade

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
P-5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
P-4/3	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
Total	**4**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**5**
General Service category								
Other levels	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	3
Total	**1**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**3**
Grand total	**5**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**8**

10A.51 Work will focus on contributing to policy analysis and consensus-building on new and emerging issues on the international trade agenda; analysis of significant new developments in regional integration groupings and their implications for other countries; examination of the issues underlying the effective integration of developing countries and countries in transition into the multilateral trading system; and substantive support to technical cooperation relating to developing countries and countries in transition to market economies in those areas.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Report to the General Assembly on further institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (annual); and reports to the Trade and Development Board on significant new developments in regional integration groupings and their implications for other countries, and new and emerging issues on the international trade agenda;

(b) *Ad hoc expert groups*. New and emerging issues on the international agenda.

2. *Published material*

Non-recurrent publications. The post-Uruguay Round international trading system: effective participation and integration of developing countries and economies in transition; regionalism and the multilateral trading system: the developing countries' perspective; and the future international trade agenda: implications for developing countries.

3. *Operational activities*

(a) *Advisory services*. Missions enhancing the participation and integration of developing countries and economies in transition into the international trading system (12);

(b) *Group training*. Seminars on the integration of developing countries and economies in transition into the international trading system and on new and emerging issues (6);

(c) *Field projects*. Substantive backstopping of technical cooperation projects related to the integration of developing countries and countries in transition concerned into the international trading system (20).

4. *Coordination, harmonization and liaison*

Joint activities with regional commissions with regard to the implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements and in connection with the new and emerging issues on the international trade agenda; cooperation, exchange of information and participation in the meetings of the World Trade Organization, ILO and other relevant organizations.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.52 This subprogramme would comprise five Professional and three General Service posts, including the addition of one P-5 post redeployed from the subprogramme on export capacity, and two General Service posts redeployed from executive direction and management.

Consultants and experts

10A.53 Estimated requirements of $80,500 would provide $48,300 for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports, and $32,200 for an ad hoc expert group meeting.

Travel

10A.54 The amount of $37,500 would provide for advisory and fact-finding missions relating to the integration of developing countries and countries in transition into the international trading system, fact-finding missions and consultations with the secretariats of economic integration groupings.

Subprogramme 8
Privatization, entrepreneurship and competitiveness

Table 10A.25 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	1 357.8	211.3	15.5	1 569.1	105.5	1 674.6
Consultants and experts	—	124.9	(8.2)	(6.5)	116.7	6.7	123.4
Travel	—	66.6	—	—	66.6	3.4	70.0
Total	**—**	**1 549.3**	**203.1**	**13.1**	**1 752.4**	**115.6**	**1 868.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
73.0	7.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	7.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
—	—	UNDP	—
561.0	50.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	50.0
Total	**634.0**	**57.0**	**57.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**634.0**	**1 606.3**	**1 925.0**

Table 10A.26 **Post requirements**

Programme: Privatization, entrepreneurship and competitiveness

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	3	4	—	—	—	—	3	4
Total	**4**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**5**
General Service category								
Other levels	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**
Grand total	**6**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**7**

10A.55 Pursuant to its decision 415 (XL), the Trade and Development Board established an Ad Hoc Working Group on the Role of Enterprises in Development to analyse the interrelationship between the development of a domestic entrepreneurial capacity, in particular for the development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and the development process. Particular topics identified by the Board for consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group include the role of the State in creating an enabling environment for the promotion of entrepreneurship and the viable development of enterprises; interactions between the development of SMEs and of capital markets and the banking system; and export development and the role of SMEs; and technical cooperation in support of policy development.

10A.56 The orientation of the subprogramme for the biennium will place emphasis on the promotion of improved market structures, competition and efficiency through privatization and other forms of public enterprise reform, the development of entrepreneurship and the strengthening of the private sector in order to enhance economic competitiveness and to contribute to increased investment, growth, employment and trade of countries. Particular attention will be given to the problems of the least developed countries. Work on privatization will focus on recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group on comparative experiences with privatization. Work on enterprise development will concentrate on the role and development of SMEs and their contribution to the development process and export expansion. The role of the State in the promotion of competition, entrepreneurship, enterprise development and competitiveness will also be analysed.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Ad hoc expert groups. Government policy, competition and cooperation in the promotion of enterprise development and competitiveness.

2. Published material

(a) *Non-recurrent publications.* Policies and instruments for SME development, lessons from experience; post-privatization policies and experiences; government policy, competition and cooperation in the promotion of enterprise development and competitiveness; trade and investment linkages of SME development; and environmental directions of privatization and SME development;

(b) *Technical material. Privatization Newsletter.*

3. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services.* In the areas identified by the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Role of Enterprises in Development;

(b) *Group training.* Group training, including seminars and workshops, will be undertaken as recommended by the Ad Hoc Working Group.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Liaison with other United Nations entities and, where necessary, inputs and substantive backstopping to them to ensure that activities are consistent and mutually supportive; and coordination with other United Nations agencies and organizations.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.57 This subprogramme would comprise five posts in the Professional category and above and two General Service posts, including an increase of one P-3 post redeployed from the programme on transnational corporations.

Consultants and experts

10A.58 Estimated requirements of $116,700 would provide $80,300 for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports, and $36,400 for an ad hoc expert group meeting.

Travel

10A.59 An amount of $66,600 is required for information-gathering and for holding consultations with member States, United Nations agencies, other international organizations and non-governmental organizations, including private sector organizations, research and academic institutions, and group training events.

Subprogramme 9
Domestic reforms and resource mobilization

Table 10A.27 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	5 123.8	1 883.5	(169.7)	(9.0)	1 713.8	84.3	1 798.1
Consultants and experts	267.2	156.4	(1.8)	(1.1)	154.6	8.4	163.0
Travel	100.2	76.2	—	—	76.2	3.8	80.0
Contractual services	55.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**5 546.3**	**2 116.1**	**(171.5)**	**(8.1)**	**1 944.6**	**96.5**	**2 041.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
46.0	20.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	20.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
—	—	UNDP	—
353.0	150.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	150.0
399.0	**170.0**	**Total**	**170.0**
5 945.3	**2 286.1**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**2 211.1**

Table 10A.28 **Post requirements**

Programme: Domestic reforms and resource mobilization

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-2/1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Total	**6**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**6**	**5**
General Service category								
Other levels	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**
Grand total	**8**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**7**

10A.60 The overall objective of the subprogramme is to promote improvements in international policy formulation and implementation, taking into account the complex interrelationship between policy efforts in different fields, including the external sector. It will help identify the scope and nature of the domestic economic reforms needed and the determinants of success in economic development.

10A.61 Pursuant to related recommendations contained in the Cartagena Commitment, the Trade and Development Board at its forty-first session established the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Working Group to Explore the Issue of Structural Adjustment for the Transition to Disarmament. As a follow-up to the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group, and in view of growing recognition of the need to review the disarmament/development connection in the post-cold-war context, this subprogramme will address the following issues, taking into account the specific and individual situation of countries: structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament; economic aspects of conversion of military capacities and technologies to civilian uses; the implications for economic growth and development of reductions in military expenditures; identification of ways and means of reallocating resources from expenditures on armaments towards socially productive uses and generation of additional development finance; and the interface between disarmament and main areas of UNCTAD activities.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Documents for the Trade and Development Board on the issue of structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament and the implications for world economic growth and development;

(b) *Ad hoc expert groups*. National experiences and policies with regard to trade and development-related aspects of conversion of military capacities to civilian uses.

2. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

UNCTAD will exchange information and collaborate closely with United Nations departments and continue to coordinate its work with other organizations, in particular with the World Bank. On conversion of military capacities to civilian uses, collaboration will also be maintained with UNDP, UNIDO, IMF, the regional commissions and development banks.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.62 This subprogramme would comprise five posts in the Professional category and above and two General Service posts, which reflects a decrease of one P-2 post redeployed to the subprogramme on trade efficiency.

Consultants and experts

10A.63 The estimated requirements $154,600 would provide $134,000 for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports, and $20,600 for an ad hoc expert group meeting.

Travel

10A.64 The amount of $76,200 would provide for consultations on national development experiences and policies and development finance with government authorities, the World Bank and IMF, and consultations with and information-gathering from member States, international organizations and research institutions on matters relating to structural adjustment for the transition to disarmament.

Subprogramme 10
Environment and sustainable development

10A.65 Environment and sustainable development is a cross-sectoral subprogramme, with related activities carried out principally under subprogramme 13.1, International competition and trade policies, 13.2, Commodities, 13.4, Poverty alleviation, 13.8, Privatization, entrepreneurship and competitiveness, 14.4, Service development, 14.5, Shipping, ports and multimodal transport, and 14.6, Insurance. Those activities focus on research on and analysis of sustainable development and trade and environment issues, with the aim of ensuring that economic growth and development and protection of the environment are mutually reinforcing.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Report to the Trade and Development Board (annual).

2. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination with other entities and organizations of the United Nations system regarding sustainable development, trade and the environment will be maintained and further efforts will be made to strengthen the consultative and coordination process between the UNCTAD secretariat and the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development.

Subprogramme 11
Data management

Table 10A.29 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	9 557.6	8 481.8	(950.5)	(11.2)	7 531.3	487.4	8 018.7
Consultants and experts	34.3	21.5	(0.2)	(0.9)	21.3	1.1	22.4
Travel	88.5	47.4	(4.3)	(9.0)	43.1	2.4	45.5
Contractual services	39.1	99.2	(50.2)	(50.6)	49.0	2.4	51.4
Total	**9 719.5**	**8 649.9**	**(1 005.2)**	**(11.6)**	**7 644.7**	**493.3**	**8 138.0**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
64.0	13.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	13.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
321.0	—	UNDP	—
175.0	100.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	100.0
560.0	**113.0**		**113.0**
10 279.5	**8 762.9**		**8 251.0**

Table 10A.30 **Post requirements**

Programme: Data management

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	7	6	—	—	—	—	7	6
P-2/1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**11**	**10**	—	—	—	—	**11**	**10**
General Service category								
Principal level	5	5	—	—	—	—	5	5
Other levels	26	22	—	—	—	—	26	22
Total	**31**	**27**	—	—	—	—	**31**	**27**
Grand total	**42**	**37**	—	—	—	—	**42**	**37**

10A.66 The subprogramme provides centralized data support for UNCTAD, including statistical and data-processing services, and the development and maintenance of information systems, particularly on trade procedures. It also provides centralized maintenance and support service to the PC networks in use at UNCTAD. During the biennium 1996-1997, UNCTAD will adapt its statistical database systems in cooperation with its Data-Processing and Information System.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Report to the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Iron Ore (2).

2. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications. Review of Iron Ore Statistics* (2); *Handbook of International Trade and Development Statistics* (2); *Commodity Yearbook* (2); *Commodity Price Bulletin* (24); *Tungsten Statistics* (8); *International Tin Statistics* (8); and *Commodity Price Bulletin Supplement* (24);

(b) *Technical material*

(i) Related to central statistical services. Maintenance of an on-line information system (ETS) containing time-series data related to trade and development;

(ii) Related to trade control measures. Issuance of new versions of TRAINS CD-ROM (twice per year); dissemination of trade control measures information to focal points and other users; *Directory of Import Regimes: Part I and Part II*; and *Quantitative Synopsis as Supplement to Part I*; and updated database in its environmental dimension and country coverage.

3. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services.* Support to Governments and agencies using the Economic Time Series statistical database management system;

(b) *Group training.* Installation and training in the operation of TRAINS in selected focal points of individual countries, and of regional and subregional groupings; and in-service training of staff from selected regional and subregional groupings for interactive collaboration.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination and liaison with other international organizations through inter-agency bodies such as the Administrative Committee on Coordination, the Information System Coordinating Committee and the Technological Innovation Committee with emphasis on participation in their working groups or task forces in the areas of databases, telecommunications, standards, security and training; coordination with regional and subregional groupings for the Interactive TRAINS Dissemination Programme; and coordination, harmonization and liaison with statistical entities of the United Nations and other international organizations concerned with trade data.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.67 This subprogramme would comprise 10 posts in the Professional category and above and 27 General Service posts, which reflects a decrease of 5 posts due to the following changes: one P-3 post redeployed to the subprogramme on shipping, ports and multimodal transport, and the abolition of 4 General Service (Other level) posts due to improvements in technology and rationalization of the programme of work.

Consultants and experts

10A.68 Requirements of $21,300 would provide for consultants with expertise in database design and development, and specialized knowledge of related facilities and services.

Travel

10A.69 An amount of $43,100 would be required for inter-agency coordination of statistical activities and computerized information systems, and consultations with Headquarters.

Contractual services

10A.70 Estimated requirements of $49,000 would provide for the publication of TRAINS CD-ROMs; for publication of the *Handbook of International Trade and Development Statistics*; and the subprogramme's input to the annual *Commodity Yearbook*.

Programme 14
Trade expansion, export promotion and service sector development

10A.71 The programme is concerned with issues related to trade expansion as an instrument of economic growth and development, and in this context with issues pertaining to the expansion of trading opportunities, particularly of developing countries, including structural adjustment and the development and strengthening of their competitiveness and export capacity.

10A.72 The estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 Structural adjustment and trading opportunities	14.9	12.6
Subprogramme 2 Export capacity	6.2	3.4
Subprogramme 3 Trade efficiency	26.8	51.0
Subprogramme 4 Service development	9.5	1.5
Subprogramme 5 Shipping, ports and multimodal transport	35.5	31.5
Subprogramme 6 Insurance	7.1	—
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

10A.73 Subprogrammes 1, 3 and 4 have been designated high priority by the General Assembly.

Subprogramme 1
Structural adjustment and trading opportunities

Table 10A.31 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	3 300.6	2 548.9	(169.7)	(6.6)	2 379.2	156.4	2 535.6
Consultants and experts	42.8	82.3	(4.2)	(5.1)	78.1	4.6	82.7
Travel	3.2	42.8	—	—	42.8	2.2	45.0
Total	**3 346.6**	**2 674.0**	**(173.9)**	**(6.5)**	**2 500.1**	**163.2**	**2 663.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
384.0	377.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	338.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
1 263.0	1 500.0	UNDP	1 200.0
1 689.0	1 400.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	1 400.0
3 336.0	**3 277.0**	**Total**	**2 938.0**
6 682.6	**5 951.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**5 601.3**

Table 10A.32 **Post requirements**

Programme: Structural adjustment and trading opportunities

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-4/3	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-2/1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Total	**7**	**6**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7**	**6**
General Service category								
Other levels	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
Total	**4**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**4**
Grand total	**11**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**10**

10A.74 During the biennium 1996-1997, work will focus on the identification of new trading opportunities arising from the implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements and enhancement of the understanding of the implications of the new rules deriving from such agreements and their follow-up; structural adjustment policies in the context of the implementation of the Uruguay Round commitments; analysis of issues relating to the implementation, utilization, maintenance and improvement of the generalized system of preferences (GSP) schemes, including rules of origin; substantive servicing of bilateral and plurilateral consultations on GSP schemes; and substantive support to technical cooperation relating to the GSP and other trade laws.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*

(i) Reports to the Special Committee on Preferences on implementation of the GSP; improvements in rules of origin, including harmonization; and technical cooperation in connection with the GSP;

(ii) Reports to the Ad Hoc Working Group on Trading Opportunities in the New International Trading Context on trading opportunities arising from the implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements; new rules deriving from the Uruguay Round agreements; and Uruguay Round liberalization and structural adjustment: the contribution of structural adjustment policies to the creation of new market opportunities;

(b) *Ad hoc expert group*. Quantitative approaches to the analysis of the impact of the implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements on trading opportunities.

2. Published material

(a) *Non-recurrent publications*. Revisions to the handbooks on GSP and other trade laws (8); and quantitative assessment of the impact of the implementation of the Uruguay Round agreement;

(b) *Technical material*. Database relating to the implementation of the relevant Uruguay Round agreements.

3. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services*. Advisory missions on the implementation of the GSP; the identification of trading opportunities arising from the implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements; and the expansion of trade and economic cooperation between developing countries and countries in transition to market economies;

(b) *Group training*. Seminars and field projects on the implementation of the GSP; the identification of trading opportunities for developing countries; and workshops on the expansion of trade and economic cooperation between developing countries and countries in transition.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Consultation and exchange of information with regional commissions, FAO, UNIDO, the World Bank and World Trade Organization.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.75 This subprogramme would comprise six posts in the Professional category and above and four General Service posts, reflecting a reduction of one post due to the redeployment of one P-2/1 post to the programme on transnational corporations.

Consultants and experts

10A.76 The estimated requirements of $78,100 would provide $41,700 for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports, and $36,400 for an ad hoc expert group meeting.

Travel

10A.77 The provision of $42,800 is required for consultations with other international organizations and governmental officials with regard to the identification of new trading opportunities and structural adjustment policies, and consultations with officials of major preference-giving countries.

Subprogramme 2
Export capacity

Table 10A.33 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	1 686.2	(724.3)	(42.9)	961.9	63.4	1 025.3
Consultants and experts	—	31.2	(2.4)	(7.6)	28.8	1.5	30.3
Travel	—	34.3	(3.4)	(9.9)	30.9	1.7	32.6
Total	**—**	**1 751.7**	**(730.1)**	**(41.6)**	**1 021.6**	**66.6**	**1 088.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
46.0	91.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	91.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
355.0	700.0	UNDP	700.0
—	—	Technical cooperation trust funds	—
401.0	**791.0**	**Total**	**791.0**
401.0	**2 542.7**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**1 879.2**

Table 10A.34 **Post requirements**

Programme: Export capacity

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
P-4/3	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	2
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**5**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**3**
General Service category								
Other levels	3	2	—	—	—	—	3	2
Total	**3**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**2**
Grand total	**8**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**5**

10A.78 Work will focus on the analysis of the relationship between foreign trade and investment. This will include examination of policy instruments aimed at increasing domestic and foreign investment as a means of increasing developing countries' international competitiveness, diversifying their exports and evaluating the effects of various policies and investment incentives on international investment and trade, in particular of developing countries.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Report to the Ad hoc Working Group on Trading Opportunities in the New International Trading Context on means of enhancing developing countries' capacities to take advantage of new trading opportunities arising from the implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements.

2. Published material

Non-recurrent publications. Foreign trade and investment.

3. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services*. Advisory missions related to the implementation of policies, measures and incentives for strengthening export capacity in developing countries;

(b) *Group training*. Seminars on strengthening international competitiveness and export capabilities.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Cooperation with ITC, as well as with regional commissions; consultations and exchange of information with UNIDO and the World Trade Organization.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.79 This subprogramme would comprise three Professional and two General Service posts, which reflects a decrease of three posts due to the following redeployments: one P-5 post to the subprogramme on enlarged economic spaces, regional integration processes and systemic issues of international trade, and one P-4 and one General Service post to the subprogramme on international competition and trade policies.

Consultants and experts

10A.80 Estimated requirements of $28,800 relate to the assessment of the rationale for, and effects of, trade-related investment measures in developing countries, as well as international trade and investment at the global level.

Travel

10A.81 The amount of $30,900 would provide for consultations with other international organizations, as well as for participation in training seminars.

Subprogramme 3
Trade efficiency

Table 10A.35 Summary by object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	3 341.8	1 042.9	31.2	4 384.7	287.8	4 672.5
Consultants and experts	—	62.7	(5.0)	(7.9)	57.7	2.7	60.4
Travel	—	71.5	—	—	71.5	3.7	75.2
Total	**—**	**3 476.0**	**1 037.9**	**29.8**	**4 513.9**	**294.2**	**4 808.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
1 506.0	1 326.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	1 365.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
6 208.0	3 200.0	UNDP	3 000.0
5 377.0	7 000.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	7 500.0
13 091.0	**11 526.0**	**Total**	**11 865.0**
13 091.0	**15 002.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**16 673.1**

Table 10A.36 Post requirements

Programme: Trade efficiency

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-5	1	1	—	—	1	1	2	2
P-4/3	5	7	—	—	—	—	5	7
P-2/1	4	5	—	—	—	—	4	5
Total	**11**	**14**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**12**	**15**
General Service category								
Other levels	5	7	—	—	2	2	7	9
Total	**5**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**2**	**7**	**9**
Grand total	**16**	**21**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**	**19**	**24**

10A.82 During the biennium 1996-1997, the work programme will be oriented towards the implementation of (a) the related policies and measures set out in the Cartagena Commitment; (b) the Columbus Ministerial Declaration on Trade Efficiency, 1994; and (c) recommendations and conclusions emanating from the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Trade Efficiency, 1992-1994, and the United Nations International Symposium on Trade Efficiency, 1994; and decisions of the ninth session of UNCTAD in early 1996.

10A.83 The programme of work will focus on the following priority areas: telecommunications and trade efficiency; financial services and trade efficiency; customs and better trading practices; and backstopping and coordination of relevant technical cooperation activities, in particular in the context of the setting up, coordination and interconnection of trade points.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Reports to the Trade and Development Board.

2. Published material

(a) *Non-recurrent publications.* The trade point programme and its main components, assessment, definition and functions of trade points, and background study on the feasibility to create a trade efficiency review mechanism in UNCTAD;

(b) *Technical material.* A number of databases and software (electronic trading opportunities), as well various support documents, will be produced and widely distributed, including to all the trade points.

3. Information materials and services

(a) *Booklet, pamphlets.* A booklet on the objectives and processes of the Trade Efficiency Initiative, an awareness-kit and an illustrative poster;

(b) *Films and videotapes.* Videos illustrating the outcome of the International Symposium on Trade Efficiency, the objectives of the Trade Efficiency Initiative and the components of the Trade Point Programme (3).

4. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services.* Advisory missions on standardization and harmonization of codes and procedures through the application of international standards; streamlining of forms through further dissemination of the United Nations layout key; establishment of trade points and trade facilitation bodies; and assistance to the interconnection of trade points and to their connection to global services;

(b) *Group training.* Training courses and fellowships relating to the Automated System for Customs Data and Management (ASYCUDA) (12) and seminars and workshops on trade facilitation (8);

(c) *Field projects.* ASYCUDA projects (50) and projects relating to trade points and trade facilitation (100).

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination and liaison will be maintained with other organizations of the United Nations system, including in particular the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, and Working Party 4 of ECE. This will involve participation in the interinstitutional task force set up for that purpose.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.84 This subprogramme would comprise 14 posts in the Professional category and above and 7 General Service posts, which reflects an increase of 5 posts due to the following redeployments: 2 P-4 posts from the subprogramme on shipping, ports and multimodal transport; 1 P-2 post to this subprogramme from the subprogramme on domestic reforms and resource mobilization; and 2 General Service posts from executive direction and management.

Consultants and experts

10A.85 An estimated amount of $57,700 would provide for legal advice and consultancy on the various institutional aspects of the programme, including establishment and interconnection of trade points and related institutions and bodies; technical advice and support on the physical and logical interconnection of the trade points and the setting up of the global trade point network; substantive support on the analytical and policy dimensions of the relationship between telecommunications and trade efficiency; financial services and trade efficiency; transport and trade efficiency; and business information and trade efficiency.

Travel

10A.86 An estimated amount of $71,500 would be required for travel to all regions necessary to establish trade points and to interconnect them into the global trade point network and to ensure adequate dissemination of the objectives of trade efficiency; coordination with relevant organizations within and outside the United Nations system; and consultations with donor countries in relation to the programme and its technical cooperation components.

Subprogramme 4
Service development

Table 10A.37 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	—	1 425.0	—	—	1 425.0	95.0	1 520.0
Consultants and experts	—	115.1	(3.4)	(2.9)	111.7	5.1	116.8
Travel	—	47.5	0.4	0.8	47.9	2.5	50.4
Total	**—**	**1 587.6**	**(3.0)**	**(0.1)**	**1 584.6**	**102.6**	**1 687.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
27.0	39.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	39.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
—	200.0	UNDP	200.0
206.0	100.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	100.0
233.0	**339.0**	**Total**	**339.0**
233.0	**1 926.6**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**2 026.2**

Table 10A.38 **Post requirements**

Programme: Service development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1
P-5	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2
P-4/3	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**5**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**	**8**	**8**
General Service category								
Other levels	2	2	—	—	—	3	2	5
Total	**2**	**2**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**2**	**5**
Grand total	**7**	**7**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**6**	**10**	**13**

10A.87 The subprogramme will follow a twofold approach aimed at identifying elements on which policy measures can be based for enabling developing countries to develop a global strategy, to increase their participation in world trade in services.

10A.88 The first component includes policy analysis related to the negotiation processes in WTO and the provision of assistance to developing countries and countries in transition to strengthen their negotiating capacity at the regional and subregional levels.

10A.89 The second component is directed towards the elaboration of guidelines and policy recommendations to help developing countries and countries in transition to overcome their disadvantaged position in the service sectors. Activities will aim at gradually enhancing their international competitiveness, contributing to the economic development of their service sectors, and increasing their participation in international trade in services.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Reports to the Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors on comparative studies of selected service sectors in developing countries and countries in transition; mechanisms for regional cooperation in trade in services; the impact for developing countries of the results of the application of the General Agreement on Trade in Services; assessment of the impact of measures affecting trade in services; progress made on the work programme; and report of the Standing Committee to the Trade and Development Board (annual);

(b) *Ad hoc expert group.* Barriers to temporary movement of persons as service suppliers across national frontiers.

2. Published material

(a) *Non-recurrent publications.* The importance of government procurement in the context of service trade; trends in trade in services; and comparative study on subsidies applied to services in developed and developing countries;

(b) *Technical material.* Building up the database on measures affecting service trade (MAST).

3. Information materials and services

Exhibits and other visual materials. Production of diskettes and CDs for the dissemination of the MAST database.

4. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services.* Advisory missions related to studies taking into account problems of service providers at the national, subregional and regional levels;

(b) *Group training.* Training programmes in the field of service development and for the training of MAST users in the public and private sectors.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Joint activities with regional commissions, relevant United Nations entities, WHO, ITU, the World Trade Organization and WTO.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.90 This subprogramme would comprise five posts in the Professional category and above and two General Service posts.

Consultants and experts

10A.91 The estimated requirements of $111,700 would provide $69,600 for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports, and $42,100 for an ad hoc expert group meeting.

Travel

10A.92 The estimated requirements of $47,900 would provide for participation in workshops and seminars, as well as missions related to research on service policies and measures affecting trade in services.

Subprogramme 5
Shipping, ports and multimodal transport

Table 10A.39 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	5 794.6	6 080.0	(292.3)	(4.8)	5 787.7	382.4	6 170.1
Consultants and experts	254.9	72.7	—	—	72.7	3.6	76.3
Travel	139.5	85.9	—	—	85.9	4.3	90.2
Contractual services	21.6	30.2	0.4	1.3	30.6	1.5	32.1
Total	**6 210.6**	**6 268.8**	**(291.9)**	**(4.6)**	**5 976.9**	**391.8**	**6 368.7**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			(a) Services in support of:	
	—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
	603.0	780.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	845.0
	—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
			(c) Operational projects	
	2 603.0	2 500.0	UNDP	2 500.0
	2 035.0	3 500.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	4 000.0
Total	**5 241.0**	**6 780.0**		**7 345.0**
Total (1) and (2)	**11 451.6**	**13 048.8**		**13 713.7**

Table 10A.40 **Post requirements**

Programme: Shipping, ports and multimodal transport

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	—	—	1	1	2	2
P-5	7	7	—	—	—	—	7	7
P-4/3	9	8	—	—	—	—	9	8
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**18**	**17**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**19**	**18**
General Service category								
Principal level	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other levels	8	8	—	—	2	—	10	8
Total	**8**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**2**	**—**	**10**	**8**
Grand total	**26**	**25**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**1**	**29**	**26**

10A.93 In the field of shipping, work will aim at increasing efficiency of maritime transport services, in particular those serving the trade of developing countries, and competitiveness of developing countries' carriers/operators to enable them to increase their participation in the provision of shipping services, bearing in mind the process of further globalization of the transport sector.

10A.94 In the field of ports, which are key elements in the transport chain, increases in productivity have a direct impact on transport costs and export competitiveness. Work will aim at promoting the development of port services in developing countries so that their ports can become integrated logistics centres for international trade through a programme of research, training and technical cooperation.

10A.95 In the field of multimodal transport, emphasis will be placed on the promotion of transport efficiency taking into account structural changes in multimodal transport and logistics supply services including sea, air and short-sea multimodal transport services in an effort to introduce more environmentally friendly transport services; and to the commercial use and practical application of technological developments, including electronic data interchange, telematics and the Advanced Cargo Information System, in international multimodal transport and logistics operations.

10A.96 In the field of maritime legislation, work will focus on (a) the development of a model maritime legislation; (b) arrest of sea-going ships; (c) preparation of guidelines for implementation of the International Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages, 1993; (d) follow-up work on legal aspects of ship leasing in developing countries; (e) legal aspects of port privatization and commercialization; (f) inventory and assessment of the existing national legislations governing multimodal transport; and (g) monitoring the implementation of international shipping instruments adopted under the auspices of the United Nations. Legal advice and support will be provided on cross-sectoral issues related to service development in general.

10A.97 In the field of human resource development, the main thrust will be to support national institutions and regional cooperation arrangements whereby training and human resource development needs for improved organization of maritime trade can be met.

10A.98 Technical cooperation activities will be further pursued to implement the results of research conducted and conclusions agreed in the transport sector in the light of liberalized policies of Governments.

Activities

1. International cooperation

Depositary services. Preparation of guidelines for implementation of the International Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*

(i) Reports to the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Ports on port organization and management, and potentialities for regional and subregional cooperation;

(ii) Reports to the Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors (Shipping), on liberalization and privatization of shipping services; recommendations of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Ports; review of activities of the secretariat in the fields of multimodal transport, maritime legislation, technical cooperation and human resource development; opportunities and challenges of the Uruguay Round results in the field of shipping services; competition policy and transport efficiency; progress made on the work programme; and report of the Standing Committee to the Trade and Development Board (annual);

(iii) Reports to the preparatory meeting and Review Conference on the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences on outstanding issues before the Review Conference; views of Governments on the code; and report of the Review Conference to the General Assembly;

(iv) Reports to the Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Arrest of Ships on the review of the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Ships and the possible adoption of a new legal instrument on the subject; guidelines for the implementation of the International Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages, 1993; and report of the meeting to the Standing Committee;

(b) *Substantive services.* Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Shipping (annual); intergovernmental meeting for the preparation of the Review Conference on the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences; Review Conference on the Convention; and Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Arrest of Ships.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications. Review of Maritime Transport* (annual); *UNCTAD Ports Newsletter* (biannual); *UNCTAD Multimodal Transport Newsletter* (annual); *TRAINMAR Bulletin* (biannual); and *TRAINMAR Catalogue* (annual);

(b) *Non-recurrent publications.* Sustainable development in shipping services; technological change and its economic impact on ports; conditions for the development of container pools and container-leasing industry in developing countries; possible value-added logistics services to be offered by developing country transport operators and condition for implementation; legal aspects of ship leasing in

developing countries; ECDC in shipping services; shippers' councils; institutional changes in ports; economic aspects of environmental protection in ports; review of ongoing processes of establishing subregional multimodal transport operations, regulations and administrative procedures; voluntary minimum standards for multimodal transport operations; legal aspects of port privatization and commercialization; inventory and assessment of existing national legislations governing multimodal transport; annual ship acquisition pre-feasibility study; and annual TRAINMAR progress report;

(c) *Technical material.* Information and users' manual on the Advanced Cargo Information System; training materials on port marketing; training materials on information technology in container terminals; monograph on port management (annual); course material for a multimodal transport workshop on short-sea shipping; updating of Multiship Model II computer software; educational programmes on charter parties in western Asia and in Africa; and eight course packages on training in maritime trade (annual).

4. *Information materials and services*

(a) *Booklets, pamphlets.* TRAINMAR descriptive pamphlet;

(b) *Exhibits and other visual materials.* Sets of computer presentations for country and conference use on TRAINMAR (4);

(c) *Guided tours, lectures and seminars.* Preparation of lectures to support training institutions and academia, particularly the World Maritime University.

5. *Operational activities*

(a) *Advisory services.* To developing countries for the implementation of the United Nations Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences, the Hamburg Rules and other legal shipping instruments adopted under United Nations auspices, and in support of TRAINMAR centres and networks for the development and monitoring of strategies for international cooperation in maritime management training;

(b) *Group training.* Training programmes organized and supported in the fields of port development and management; multimodal transport (two seminars and two workshops per year); maritime legislation (one two-week course per year on charter parties); and, as part of the TRAINMAR programme, the training of managers of training institutions and officials responsible for human resource development. TRAINMAR activities also include the coordination of group training conducted by counterpart personnel at local and regional levels;

(c) *Field projects.* Substantive input to field projects to improve port performance in developing countries, develop maritime and multimodal transport services, contribution to the harmonization and modernization of maritime legislation and the development of marine insurance activities, and to the support of human resource development activities;

(d) Fund-raising activities to provide for further implementation and extension of the Advanced Cargo Information System and for support of the TRAINMAR programme.

6. *Coordination, harmonization and liaison*

Close coordination will be maintained with other United Nations organizations, including IMO, ILO, the World Bank, the regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations representing the private sector and institutions involved in the TRAINMAR networks. Particular emphasis will be placed on close cooperation with industry and academia in the implementation of the work programme.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.99 This subprogramme would comprise 17 posts in the Professional category and above and 8 General Service posts, reflecting a net decrease of 1 Professional post due to the following redeployments: 1 P-3 post to this subprogramme from data management and the redeployment of 2 P-4 posts from this subprogramme to trade efficiency.

Consultants and experts

10A.100 The estimated requirements ($72,700) would provide consultants regarding specialized cargo information; technical inputs to ship acquisition feasibility studies; liberalization of shipping services in countries in transition; environment protection in ports; legal aspects of ship leasing; and specialized training materials.

Travel

10A.101 The estimated requirements of $85,900 relate to fact-finding missions; the Office of the Registrar; pre-feasibility studies on ship acquisition; representation and substantive participation at international meetings, such as those of ISO and IMO; advisory and coordination missions of the TRAINMAR programme; consultations with other international bodies concerned with maritime transport services issues; and participation in meetings related to the implementation of regional programmes for transport and communications in Africa and Asia.

Contractual services

10A.102 An amount of $30,600 is required for the printing of the annual *Review of Maritime Transport*.

Subprogramme 6
Insurance

Table 10A.41 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	845.0	1 105.3	—	—	1 105.3	73.2	1 178.5
Consultants and experts	32.1	72.6	—	—	72.6	4.5	77.1
Travel	14.2	23.7	—	—	23.7	1.3	25.0
Total	**891.3**	**1 201.6**	**—**	**—**	**1 201.6**	**79.0**	**1 280.6**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
52.0	—	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	—
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
400.0	—	UNDP	—
—	—	Technical cooperation trust funds	—
452.0	**—**		**—**
1 343.3	**1 201.6**		**1 280.6**

Table 10A.42 **Post requirements**

Programme: Insurance

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
P-4/3	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**4**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**4**
General Service category								
Other levels	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**1**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**1**	**1**
Grand total	**5**	**5**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**5**

10A.103 The subprogramme will be oriented towards assisting the insurance sector of developing countries to resolve existing market inefficiencies and to deal with new challenges. Emphasis will be placed on the promotion of the establishment of competitive markets, greater insurance awareness and the increase of market transparency. Work will aim at improving the legislative and regulatory environment as well as market practices. Frameworks will be developed to protect insurance consumers and provide them with appropriate and competitive insurance services. The above objectives will be pursued through analytical studies in order to arrive at commonly accepted policies for further implementation through technical cooperation and advisory services to Governments and the insurance industry.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Report to the Trade and Development Board; reports to the Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors (Insurance) on long-term reliability of insurance providers; guarantee insurance for credit schemes for small and medium-sized enterprises; life and long-term insurance; implementation of the General Agreement on Trade in Services in insurance; and review of progress made on the work programme;

(b) *Ad hoc expert group.* Life and long-term insurance.

2. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications.* Statistical survey of insurance and reinsurance operations in developing countries and review of developments in insurance and reinsurance in developing countries;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications.* Contribution of insurance to improve trade efficiency; environmental liability insurance; international cooperation on insurer solvency, stability and fraud; and delivery and intermediation of insurance services;

(c) *Technical material.* Databases on agricultural insurance, catastrophe insurance schemes and insurance statistics.

3. Information materials and services

(a) *Booklets, pamphlets.* Fact sheets on insurance policy;

(b) *Exhibits and other visual materials.* Preparation of visual materials on insurance schemes.

4. Operational activities

Advisory services. Assistance to Governments in the preparation of national and sectoral studies, and advice on measures to strengthen their insurance sector.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Close coordination will be maintained with regional commissions and other relevant organizations.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.104 This subprogramme would comprise four Professional and one General Service post.

Consultants and experts

10A.105 The estimated requirements of $72,600 would provide $31,200 for specialized studies and reports, and $41,400 for an ad hoc expert group meeting.

Travel

10A.106 An estimated amount of $23,700 is required for consultations with Governments, other international and regional organizations and private industry; to assist Governments in the conduct of national and sectoral studies; and to carry out research on insurance policies and measures affecting the insurance trade.

Programme 15
Least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes

10A.107 The programme will intensify efforts at national and international levels to promote and implement the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s. In addition, the subprogramme will follow up on the recommendations of the high-level meeting on the mid-term review (1995) and contribute to the implementation of recommendations pursuant to decisions taken at the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in 1995.

10A.108 The objective of the work programme on land-locked developing countries is to promote the implementation of specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of those countries, as recognized by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, and reflected in the Programme of Action for the 1990s, and by the Cartagena Commitment.

10A.109 In the case of island developing countries, the objective is to promote appropriate development policies to overcome the specific vulnerabilities of those countries in view in particular of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Declaration of Barbados, and General Assembly resolution 49/100 of 19 December 1994 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries.

10A.110 The special programme of assistance to the Palestinian people, in addition to the development of a long-term strategy for the sustained growth and development of the Palestinian economy, will focus on strengthening Palestinian capabilities in the formulation and implementation of policies, and will identify areas open to a closer interaction between the economy of the Palestinian people and their trading partners throughout the region and beyond.

10A.111 The estimated percentage distribution of resources between the subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 Least developed countries	70.7	27.0
Subprogramme 2 Land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes	29.3	73.0
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

10A.112 Subprogramme 1 has been designated high priority by the General Assembly.

Subprogramme 1
Least developed countries

Table 10A.43 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	4 148.8	5 971.2	—	—	5 971.2	392.1	6 363.3
Consultants and experts	197.9	195.5	—	—	195.5	11.6	207.1
Travel	86.4	180.9	—	—	180.9	9.2	190.1
Contractual services	29.1	101.6	—	—	101.6	5.1	106.7
Total	**4 462.2**	**6 449.2**	**—**	**—**	**6 449.2**	**418.0**	**6 867.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
130.0	45.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	45.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
718.0	250.0	UNDP	250.0
288.0	100.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	100.0
1 136.0	**395.0**		**395.0**
5 598.2	**6 844.2**		**7 262.2**

Table 10A.44 **Post requirements**

Programme: Least developed countries

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
P-4/3	8	8	—	—	—	—	8	8
P-2/1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	**17**	**17**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**17**	**17**
General Service category								
Other levels	10	10	—	—	—	—	10	10
Total	**10**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**10**	**10**
Grand total	**27**	**27**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**27**	**27**

10A.113 During the biennium, the subprogramme will focus on implementing the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s and will include support to an expanded programme of technical cooperation both at country and regional and subregional levels; analysis and evaluation of country-specific impact of the Final Act of the Uruguay Round agreements on the least developed countries; and follow-up to provisions of the Cartagena Commitment as they relate to the least developed countries, in particular review and analysis of additional resource and related needs of least developed countries as a result of unforeseen developments in the world economy.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation.* Reports to the Trade and Development Board and the General Assembly on the implementation of recommendations of the mid-term global review of the Programme of Action (annual); and report to the Trade and Development Board on specific issues concerning least developed countries (annual);

(b) *Substantive services.* Meeting of ministers from least developed countries (annual);

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups.* Meetings on financial sector reforms; trade policy reforms in the least developed countries; the role of non-governmental organizations in the development of the least developed countries; and aid effectiveness in the least developed countries.

2. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications. The Least Developed Countries Report* (annual);

(b) *Non-recurrent publications.* Individual least developed countries' position papers on the status of the implementation of the Programme of Action; studies related to financial sector and trade policy reforms in the least developed countries; analysis of progress at the country level in the implementation of Uruguay Round results; economic forecasting models of selected countries; women and development; aid prospects and external capital requirements of the least developed countries; role of non-governmental organizations in the least developed countries; and aid effectiveness in those countries;

(c) *Technical material.* Collection and evaluation of information for the development and maintenance of performance indicators; basic data for least developed countries; studies, analytical papers and issues notes for technical meetings, including round tables, consultative groups and the Committee on Development Planning, as well as joint publications with regional commissions and other organizations.

3. Information materials and services

Within the context of the Programme of Action, contributions to various publications, pamphlets, fact sheets, special events, lectures, seminars and presentations on issues related to the least developed countries.

4. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services.* Advisory missions relating to various aspects of the formulation and implementation of policy issues highlighted in the Programme of Action and preparation and evaluation of related technical cooperation projects and programmes;

(b) *Group training.* Organization, including collaboration at the national, subregional and regional level with other institutions, and participation through presentations at training events, workshops and seminars in the least developed countries;

(c) *Field projects.* Development and implementation of technical cooperation projects and programmes at national, subregional and regional levels in the least developed countries.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

As the focal point in the United Nations system for monitoring the implementation of the Programme of Action at the global level, UNCTAD coordinates and programmes its work with regional commissions and other relevant organizations within and outside the United Nations system and draws upon the substantial research and analytical capacity existing in the system on the social and economic situation of the least developed countries. UNCTAD provides substantive services to the Administrative Committee on Coordination machinery on issues relating to least developed countries; participates in UNDP round tables and the World Bank consultative group processes, Paris Club meetings on debt related to least developed countries and regional and subregional biennial cluster meetings; assists least developed countries to undertake consultations among themselves on matters of common interest to them in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action; and contributes to the work of the Committee for Development Planning related to criteria for identification of least developed countries.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.114 This subprogramme would comprise 17 posts in the Professional category and above and 10 General Service posts.

Consultants and experts

10A.115 The requirements of $195,500 would provide $120,500 for specialized studies and reports, and $75,000 for ad hoc expert group meetings.

Travel

10A.116 The requirements of $180,900 would provide for fact-finding and consultative missions related to the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action; missions to donor capitals, regional commissions and international organizations, in particular the financial institutions and the regional development banks; and participation in Paris Club meetings.

Contractual services

10A.117 An amount of $101,600 is required for the publication of the annual *Least Developed Countries Report*.

Subprogramme 2
Land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes

Table 10A.45 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 782.5	2 437.0	—	—	2 437.0	161.6	2 598.6
Other staff costs	—	66.8	—	—	66.8	2.2	69.0
Consultants and experts	126.5	93.2	—	—	93.2	4.9	98.1
Travel	17.7	85.2	(8.6)	(10.0)	76.6	4.1	80.7
Total	**1 926.7**	**2 682.2**	**(8.6)**	**(0.3)**	**2 673.6**	**172.8**	**2 846.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
309.0	123.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	123.9
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
1 312.0	250.0	UNDP	250.0
1 060.0	700.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	700.0
2 681.0	**1 073.0**	**Total**	**1 073.9**
4 607.7	**3 755.2**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**3 920.3**

Table 10A.46 **Post requirements**

Programme: Land-locked and island developing countries, and special programmes

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
P-5	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-4/3	5	5	—	—	—	—	5	5
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**8**	**8**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**8**	**8**
General Service category								
Other levels	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**3**	**3**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**3**
Grand total	**11**	**11**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**11**	**11**

A. Land-locked and island developing countries

Land-locked developing countries

10A.118 Activities will include regular assessment of the implementation of specific action related to the needs and problems of the land-locked developing countries; formulation of policies and measures at the national and subregional levels to streamline transit documentation, improve the management and efficiency of transit transport operations in ports, by rail, road and inland waterways; promote the establishment of a legal framework to regulate transit transport activities, restructure the economies of land-locked countries with the aim of reducing the adverse effects of land-lockedness, improve the maintenance of transit facilities, strengthen the institutional capabilities and promote human resource development in the transit transport sector. The activities will be expanded to cover the new developing land-locked States of central Asia, Ethiopia and their transit neighbours.

Island developing countries

10A.119 Activities will include regular assessment of the implementation of specific action related to the needs and problems of island developing countries, including review of their socio-economic situation and formulation of policies and measures at the national and subregional levels to assist in overcoming the main obstacles to their development efforts. Activities will be expanded to cover UNCTAD's contribution to implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Reports to the General Assembly on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of island developing countries; and of land-locked developing countries; report to the meeting of the intergovernmental group of experts from island developing countries and representatives of donor countries and financial and development institutions; and report to the meeting of the intergovernmental group of experts from land-locked and

transit developing countries and representatives of donor countries and financial and development institutions.

2. Published material

Non-recurrent publications. Reports to the intergovernmental expert group meetings on land-locked developing countries and on island developing countries; report on the special problems of the land-locked developing countries of Central Asia; report on the transit transport problems in the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia and its transit neighbours); report on the regional cooperative arrangements in the small island developing countries within the framework of the Barbados Programme of Action; report on particular transit transport problems in different regions and subregions; report on the trade prospects of small island developing States; and report on the transport problems of small island developing States.

3. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services*. Implementation of policies and measures to improve transit transport systems; and the implementation of policies and measures, particularly those which promote cooperative action at the regional level, to alleviate the particular development constraints of small island developing countries;

(b) *Group training*. Organization, including collaboration at national, subregional and regional levels, with other institutions, and participation through presentations at training events in the least developed countries;

(c) *Field projects*. Development and implementation of technical cooperation projects and programmes at national, subregional and regional levels in the least developed countries.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.120 This part of the subprogramme would consist of six Professional (one P-5, one P-4, three P-3, one P-2) and two General Service posts.

Other staff costs

10A.121 An estimated amount of $66,800 would be required for general temporary assistance to provide additional assistance during periods of heavy workload.

Consultants and experts

10A.122 The requirements of $35,900 would provide for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports related to land-locked developing countries and island developing countries.

Travel

10A.123 The requirements of $47,200 would provide for missions to the regional commissions, the international financial institutions and regional development banks.

B. Special programmes (Assistance to the Palestinian people)

10A.124 The orientation of this part of the subprogramme for the biennium will continue to be regular monitoring of the policy environment and investigation of specific economic issues, which will enable the secretariat to identify and analyse their impact on the economy of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Following the signing of the Declaration of Principles and subsequent agreements between Israel and the PLO, the programme will emphasize activities designed to strengthen Palestinian capabilities in the formulation and implementation of policies in priority areas for which the Palestinian Authority has been empowered.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Report to the Trade and Development Board on assistance to the Palestinian people.

2. Published material

Non-recurrent publications. Palestine in the emerging global economy: challenges and opportunities for cooperation in trade and related services.

3. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services.* Technical cooperation activities in support of Palestinian trade and related sectors, including, *inter alia*, providing substantive and technical inputs dealing in particular with trade and related policies and measures, the legal and institutional framework affecting investment and business activities, resource mobilization and management of financial flows;

(b) *Group training.* Training programmes and workshops on trade and resource management;

(c) *Field projects.* Formulation of technical cooperation projects in specific areas.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.125 This part of the subprogramme would consist of two Professional (one P-5 and one P-4) and one General Service post.

Consultants and experts

10A.126 An amount of $57,300 is required for consultancy services in the following areas: research on the economy of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, to prepare a field report on developments in the Palestinian economy; international and interregional trade and economic cooperation; and institution-building for economic development.

Travel

10A.127 An amount of $29,400 would be required for consultative and fact-finding missions related to the development and sustained growth of the Palestinian economy.

Programme 17
Science and technology for development

10A.128 The main objective of the programme is to enhance the capacity of member States, particularly developing countries, to manage scientific and technological change in achieving sustainable development objectives. Activities to be carried out in 1996-1997 would continue to include review and analysis of, and recommendations on, science and technology policies and developments having an impact on the development process.

10A.129 The programme will place special emphasis on the needs of the least developed countries and on policy approaches that may be required to alleviate the constraints those countries face in acquiring foreign technology and building up technological capabilities.

10A.130 The estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1		
Endogenous capacity-building and resource mobilization	29.1	60.0
Subprogramme 2		
Advance Technology Assessment System and information services	14.5	30.0
Subprogramme 3		
Investment and technology	56.4	10.0
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

10A.131 Subprogrammes 1 and 3 have been designated high priority by the General Assembly.

Table 10A.47 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	5 547.9	5 783.0	522.8	11.1	6 305.8	416.2	6 722.0
Other staff costs	0.9	20.4	—	—	20.4	0.9	21.3
Consultants and experts	261.1	179.5	(3.9)	(2.9)	175.6	8.1	183.7
Travel	131.3	64.8	—	—	64.8	3.3	68.1
Contractual services	70.1	48.3	—	—	48.3	2.5	50.8
General operating expenses	0.3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supplies and materials	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment	0.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**6 012.3**	**6 096.0**	**518.9**	**8.5**	**6 614.9**	**431.0**	**7 045.9**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
100.1	66.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	65.0
		(b) Substantive activities	
10.2	7.0	Trust Fund for Special Activities in Science and Technology for Development	—
		(c) Operational projects	
195.0	50.0	UNDP	50.0
567.0	450.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	450.0
872.3	**573.0**	**Total**	**565.0**
6 884.6	**6 669.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**7 610.9**

Table 10A.48 **Post requirements**

Programme: Science and technology for development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
D-1	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2
P-5	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-4/3	8	8	—	—	—	—	8	8
P-2/1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
Total	**16**	**17**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**16**	**17**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	9	10	—	—	—	—	9	10
Total	**10**	**11**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**10**	**11**
Grand total	**26**	**28**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**26**	**28**

Subprogramme 1
Endogenous capacity-building and resource mobilization

10A.132 Work carried out during the first part of the medium-term plan period has helped to assess experiences and draw lessons for providing advice to developing countries in the formulation of policies for strengthening endogenous capacities in science and technology. Priority will continue to be on enhancing the capacity for autonomous and informed decision-making regarding the acquisition, development, application and diffusion of science and technology for development. During the biennium 1996-1997, the main emphasis will be on reviewing science and technology policies and on studying the capacity-building requirements to help generate, acquire and efficiently manage technologies, and mobilize human and financial resources for that purpose; analysis of the role of legal instruments, including intellectual property legislation and review of mechanisms for improving entrepreneurial capabilities; and examination of modalities of cooperation with other United Nations organizations and financing institutions for following up recommendations emanating from work carried out in specific countries.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Cooperation with donor organizations and non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, as well as with regional development banks, in the strengthening of financial mechanisms for science and technology, including the coalition of resources.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Reports to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on information technologies, science and technology policy reviews, and environmentally sound technologies;

(b) *Substantive services*. Commission on Science and Technology for Development, third session, and intergovernmental expert panels (4);

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups*. Managing technology transfer for endogenous capacity-building in the context of the Vienna Programme of Action and modalities of cooperation, including financing for endogenous capacity-building.

3. Published material

Non-recurrent publications. Selected countries' experience in the management of science and technology, and development of scientific and technological capabilities.

4. Operational activities

Advisory services. Advice to member States on the building of endogenous capacities in science and technology, including advice on policies and measures related to the absorption, generation and diffusion of science and technology and human resource development.

Subprogramme 2
Advance Technology Assessment System and information services

10A.133 During the biennium, the subprogramme will place emphasis on monitoring developments in science and technology having an impact on the development process. It will also promote, whenever possible, the networking of institutions concerned with technology assessment with the aim of promoting the exchange of experiences among countries at different stages of development, taking account of work carried out on the subject within and outside the United Nations system. Particular attention will be given to data analysis and the development of science and technology indicators.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Cooperation with intergovernmental and non-governmental institutions on questions related to information-gathering and science and technology indicators, including the International Association for Technology Assessment and Financing Institutions and the International Association for Impact Assessment.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation. Reports to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on technology assessment (e.g. biotechnology, information technology), and on science and technology indicators.

3. Published material

Recurrent publications. *Newsletter* (quarterly) and *ATAS Bulletin* (annual).

4. Information materials and services

Preparation of briefing material on activities planned under this programme and inputs concerning science and technology for United Nations publications.

5. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services*. Advice to member States, in particular developing countries, on information management policies and science and technology indicators;

(b) *Group training*. Training programmes for development of information support services, technology assessment activities and science and technology indicators.

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

The secretariat will continue cooperative activities with other organizations and institutions regarding information on developments in science and technology, including technology-related elements of Agenda 21.

Subprogramme 3
Investment and technology

10A.134 Under this subprogramme, the work will continue to focus on the interrelated areas of investment, technology transfer, capability-building and competitiveness. Emphasis has been given to improving the understanding of how environmental considerations, including the generation and use of environmentally sound technologies, affect investment and technology policies of countries and firms. The activities carried out so far have contributed to the review and analysis of investment and technology flows and factors that affect those flows, and the examination and assessment of national policies and international initiatives promoting investment-related technology flows, technological innovation and technological capability-building. During the biennium 1996-1997, priority will be given to reviewing developments affecting the flows of technology to developing countries, including modalities for channelling those flows; analysis of challenges and opportunities for transfer of technology; examination of ways and means to enhance policies for increasing technology flows in particular in least developed countries; analysis of the role of intellectual property protection in technology transfer; analysis of the role of incentives and other inducements in stimulating technology transfer; examination of approaches and mechanisms for promoting entrepreneurship and partnerships among enterprises, including small and medium-sized firms; and analysis of the impact of new technologies, including environmentally sound technologies on production patterns and trade competitiveness.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Reports to the Trade and Development Board on selected issues relating to the promotion of international technology flows, including environmentally sound technologies, and to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on selected areas of science and technology;

(b) *Ad hoc expert groups*. Meetings on transfer of technologies to and from developing countries and countries in transition: issues related to proprietary rights and the new trade agenda (TRIPS, licensing practices), and promotion of international cooperation in science and technology.

2. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. Trends and developments in science and technology;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications*. Report on policies dealing with transfer and development of technology, including selected issues of intellectual property rights related to promoting technology transfer and innovative capabilities, and a study on policy approaches and mechanisms, including incentives for the promotion of technological innovation and transfer of technology.

3. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services*. Advice and support to developing countries on the formulation of strategies, policies, laws and regulations aimed at the promotion of transfer of technology and technological innovation, including advice on mechanisms and approaches to enhancing entrepreneurship and partnership among enterprises, with special attention to small and medium-sized enterprises;

(b) *Group training*. Training programmes on the formulation of policies and mechanisms that have an impact on investment and technology flows, and on ways and means of implementing the provision of the Uruguay Round TRIPS agreement.

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination and cooperation with the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis and the regional commissions, concerning, in particular, the interrelationship between technology, investment, finance, services and trade; and continued active participation in formal coordinating mechanisms and in joint activities that may be agreed upon with other United Nations organizations in the field of investment-related technology issues.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.135 This programme would comprise 17 posts in the Professional category and above and 11 General Service posts, including an increase of 2 posts due to the following redeployments: 1 D-2 post and 1 General Service post from executive direction and management in order to strengthen the Division for Science and Technology and provide direction to its substantive programme of work.

Other staff costs

10A.136 An estimated amount of $20,400 for general temporary assistance would be required for peak workload periods to service the panels and meetings of experts on science and technology for development.

Consultants and experts

10A.137 The estimated requirements of $175,600 would provide:

(a) $104,800 for consultants to prepare specialized studies and reports related to technological problems that are specific to the transfer, acquisition and development of information technology and ways and means of improving developing countries' access to those technologies; development of a framework for the review of science and technology policies in developing countries; assessment of new and emerging technologies, including analysis of the impact of those technologies on development and trade of developing countries, in the context of policy approaches and mechanisms, including incentives for promoting technological innovation and transfer of technology; and intellectual property protection with respect to new technologies and analysis of their implications for developing countries. The required expertise is related to areas such as biotechnology, biodiversity and information technologies;

(b) $70,800 for ad hoc expert group meetings on endogenous capacity-building in the context of the Vienna Programme of Action; modalities of international cooperation, including financing for endogenous capacity-building; and on facilitating networking in technology assessment and forecasting, and forecasting dialogue between enterprises, financial institutions, professional associations and academic institutions with a view to providing international cooperation in science and technology.

Travel

10A.138 The estimated requirements of $64,800 are related to consultative missions with Governments and international organizations, including financial institutions, with regard to endogenous capacity-building, and to participation in selected international scientific and technological meetings.

Contractual services

10A.139 The amount of $48,300 is required for external printing of technical publications on science and technology.

Programme 23
Transnational corporations

10A.140 The broad orientation of the programme is aimed at (a) furthering understanding of the nature and the legal, economic, social and environmental effects of the activities of transnational corporations in home and host countries and in international relations; (b) enhancing the contribution of international investment and transnational corporations to national development and world economic growth; and (c) strengthening the capacity of host countries, in particular the developing countries, in their dealings with transnational corporations and in creating an enabling environment for international investment and for private sector and enterprise development.

10A.141 The programme is implemented at the regional level by the joint units with the regional commissions, which serve as focal points for the activities of UNCTAD in their respective regions, especially in the fields of research, information and liaison with the Governments of the region.

10A.142 The estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

	Regular budget	*Extra-budgetary*
	(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1 Policies, measures and arrangements relating to international investment and transnational corporations	20	10
Subprogramme 2 Enhancing the contribution of international investment and transnational corporations to development	44	60
Subprogramme 3 Strengthening the capacity of developing countries in dealing with matters related to transnational corporations and in creating an enabling environment for international investment and enterprise development	36	30
Total	**100**	**100**

Table 10A.49 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	9 432.7	9 978.7	(43.3)	(0.4)	9 935.4	739.3	10 674.7
Other staff costs	178.0	25.5	—	—	25.5	1.3	26.8
Consultants and experts	883.8	905.2	—	—	905.2	64.8	970.0
Travel	241.4	252.7	—	—	252.7	30.2	282.9
Contractual services	117.8	84.5	43.3	51.2	127.8	6.6	134.4
General operating expenses	190.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supplies and materials	14.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipment	37.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**11 096.8**	**11 246.6**	**—**	**—**	**11 246.6**	**842.2**	**12 088.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	1994-1995 estimates	Source of funds	1996-1997 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
164.2	406.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	377.0
		(b) Substantive activities	
1 075.3	207.0	Trust Fund for Policy Analysis on Transnational Corporations	—
5.7	15.0	Trust Fund for the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting	—
		(c) Operational projects	
—	1 300.0	UNDP	1 300.0
189.0	1 600.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	1 600.0
1 434.2	**3 528.0**	**Total**	**3 277.0**
12 531.0	**14 774.6**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**15 365.8**

Table 10A.50 Post requirements

Programme: Transnational corporations

Established posts		Temporary posts					
Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997	1994-1995	1996-1997
Professional category and above							
D-2	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
P-5	9	9	—	—	—	—	9	9
P-4/3	14	13	—	—	—	—	14	13
P-2/1	5	6	—	—	—	—	5	6
Total	**31**	**32**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**32**	**32**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other levels	11	11	—	—	—	—	11	11
Total	**12**	**12**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**12**
Other categories								
Local level	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	4
Total	**4**	**4**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**4**	**4**
Grand total	**47**	**48**	**1**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**48**	**48** *

* Includes established posts allocated to the joint units with the regional commissions as follows:
(i) UNCTAD/ESCAP joint unit: one P-5, one P-3 and one General Service (Local level) post;
(ii) UNCTAD/ECLAC joint unit: one P-5, one P-4 and one General Service (Local level) post;
(iii) UNCTAD/ECA joint unit: one P-5, one P-4 and one General Service (Local level) post;
(iv) UNCTAD/ESCWA joint unit: one P-5 and one General Service (Local level) post.

Subprogramme 1
Policies, measures and arrangements relating to international investment and transnational corporations

10A.143 During the biennium 1994-1995, the activities and resources of the subprogramme were modified owing to the discontinuation by the Commission of the work on a code of conduct on transnational corporations and the restructuring of the activities of the United Nations in the economic and social fields.

10A.144 During the biennium 1996-1997, the main objective of the subprogramme will be to promote the exchange of country experiences in attracting foreign direct investment through the preparation of country reports, the dissemination of information and the organization of seminars and round tables involving the participation of the private sector. Differences in national reporting systems on foreign direct investment will be examined, with a view to encouraging Governments to work towards their harmonization and improving the capacity of Governments to collect and analyse data on foreign direct investment.

10A.145 The work of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting will continue to review international accounting standards and their applicability to national standard setting with a view to encouraging greater harmonization of accounting and reporting standards and to meeting the needs of users of financial information.

10A.146 The joint units with the regional commissions will contribute to the work of the subprogramme, in particular concerning promotion of the exchange of country experiences in attracting foreign direct investment through the preparation of country reports, the dissemination of information and the organization of seminars and round tables involving the participation of the private sector. Following the integration of the programme on transnational corporations into UNCTAD, the Joint UNCTAD/ECE Unit will be merged with the UNCTAD secretariat at Geneva and the related resources incorporated into the Division for Transnational Corporations and Investment.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Research and consensus-building regarding the exchange of country experiences as well as the facilitation of bilateral, multilateral and regional arrangements relating to foreign direct investment and assistance to the Commission in this area, as well as efforts to promote the harmonization of foreign direct investment reporting systems, will involve external relations, including on the part of the joint units; liaison with Governments, non-governmental organizations, transnational corporations and international organizations, particularly with EU, ASEAN, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), OECD, the World Trade Organization, EBRD, the International Accounting Standards Committee, the International Federation of Accountants and the Fedération des Experts-Comptables Européens.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Reports to the Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations, the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting and the Commission on Sustainable Development on trends and issues of international corporate accounting and reporting (2); current accounting practices in transfer pricing (1); and environmental accounting (1);

(b) *Substantive services*. Conference of African Ministers in Charge of Economic Cooperation and Trade, and Conference of African Ministers of Finance (ECA Joint Unit);

(c) *Ad hoc expert groups (3)*. Harmonization of foreign direct investment reporting systems; transfer pricing and accounting practices; and environmental accounting.

3. Published material

(a) *Recurrent publications*. Reviews of international accounting and reporting issues (2); *Transnational Focus* (ECA Joint Unit) (2);

(b) *Non-recurrent publications.* Handbook on collecting, analysing and comparing foreign direct investment statistics (methodology); and national laws and regulations (2).

4. Information materials and services

Booklets, pamphlets. International Standards of Accounting and Reporting information brochure; newsletter on national foreign-direct-investment legislation (monthly); and information materials on international guidelines, standards and best practices relating to environmental, industrial safety and concerns arising from the increased transnationalization of economic activity.

5. Operational activities

(a) *Advisory services.* Policy advice regarding the development and implementation of bilateral, regional and international arrangements and agreements, harmonization of foreign direct investment reporting systems, the preparation of country experience studies and standards of accounting and reporting;

(b) *Group training.* Seminars and workshops on the functions and impact of international, regional and bilateral arrangements; country experience studies; harmonization of foreign direct investment reporting systems; incorporation of sustainable development management practices into national policies; and enhancement of national strategies for sustainable development as they relate to transnational corporations.

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination of joint research and technical cooperation projects with the World Bank, ILO, UNDP, UNEP and the World Trade Organization in order to reinforce efforts in the area.

Subprogramme 2
Enhancing the contribution of international investment and transnational corporations to development

10A.147 During the biennium 1994-1995, activities under the subprogramme were modified as a result of the decision of the Commission to discontinue the work on sanctions against South Africa and the restructuring of activities of the United Nations in the economic and social fields.

10A.148 During the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will undertake research and analysis in the following areas: an annual analysis of the principal issues relating to foreign direct investment; surveys on foreign direct investment flows, stocks and other variables world wide; the role of foreign direct investment in production, processing and export in selected domestic economies and major sectors; and aspects of the economic, environmental, social and cultural impact of transnational corporations. Work will continue on the role of transnational corporations in the transfer of technology, small and medium-sized enterprises and foreign direct investment, and service industries.

10A.149 The joint units with the regional commissions will contribute to the work of the subprogramme, in particular to the annual analysis of foreign direct investment data and trends in the form of the world investment report series and to the collection of foreign direct investment data and information on laws and regulations, individual transnational corporations and contracts and arrangements.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations. Liaison and cooperation with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as national and international business organizations, trade unions and academia, dealing with issues relating to transnational corporations and foreign direct investment; with OECD, EU, ASEAN, NAFTA and the International Chamber of Commerce; and relating to transnational corporations, including emerging issues in economies in transition, and issues stemming from the implementation of Agenda 21.

2. *Parliamentary services*

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Reports to the Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations: *The World Investment Report* (2); world investment trends and policies (2); regional experiences with foreign direct investment in connection with transnational corporations and trade (1); and regional experiences with foreign direct investment in connection with competition (1);

(b) *Ad hoc expert groups*. Transnational corporations and competition (2); and future areas of expansion of foreign direct investment (2).

3. *Published material*

(a) *Recurrent publications*. *Transnational Corporations Journal* (6); executive summary of the *World Investment Report* (2); *World Investment Directory* regional series (4); *Current Studies*, Series A;

(b) *Non-recurrent publications (4)*. Small and medium-sized enterprises and competitiveness; transnational corporations and industrial restructuring; the international tradeability of consulting services; the international tradeability of telecommunications services; foreign direct investment in services in the transitional economies of Central and Eastern Europe; and the impact of foreign direct investment on the location of economic activity.

4. *Information materials and services*

(a) *Booklets, pamphlets*. Brochure on research and policy analysis activities; fliers on technical studies; and guidelines, handbooks and curricula on specific issues related to transnational corporations;

(b) *Press releases*. Selected technical studies and press conferences.

5. *Operational activities*

Group training. Workshops and seminars for government officials, as follow-up to selected analytical studies in the area of transnational corporations and foreign direct investment.

6. *Coordination, harmonization and liaison*

Coordination and liaison with United Nations entities and programmes and the World Bank.

Subprogramme 3
Strengthening the capacity of developing countries in dealing with matters related to transnational corporations and in creating an enabling environment for international investment and enterprise development

10A.150 During the biennium 1996-1997, the subprogramme will provide advisory, training and information services as detailed under activities.

10A.151 The joint units with the regional commissions will contribute to the work of the subprogramme, in particular through the promotion of foreign direct investment. In addition, they will support member States and subregional institutions on matters relating to foreign direct investment.

Activities

1. *Parliamentary services*

(a) *Parliamentary documentation*. Reports to the Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations on country experiences with attracting foreign direct investment (2) and experiences gained in technical cooperation (2);

(b) *Ad hoc expert groups*. Country experiences in attracting foreign direct investment and on regional and country experiences with investment promotion policies.

2. *Published material*

(a) *Recurrent publications. Transnationals Newsletter* (8) and *Newsletter on Entrepreneurship* (2);

(b) *Non-recurrent publications.* Handbook on the preparation of country experiences; country experiences (2); build-operate-transfer arrangements; manual on transitional economies; structuring of joint venture arrangements; the commercialization of science and technology in transitional economies; and promotion of foreign direct investment in Africa (by the Joint Unit with ECA);

(c) *Technical material.* Brochure on the technical cooperation programme (2); provision of corporate and legal information in support of advisory services; and database on transnational corporations.

3. *Operational activities*

(a) *Advisory services.* Assistance to national Governments and regional integration groupings in the formulation, revision and/or harmonization of either their general or sectoral policies, laws and regulations relating to foreign investment and technology transfer so as to facilitate mutually beneficial flows (reports for 15 Governments and/or regional organizations, 4 training workshops, 4 seminars); assistance to Governments in strengthening and streamlining their machinery for screening/evaluating, monitoring and promoting foreign investment (reports for 8 Governments, 4 training workshops); assistance to Governments or the private sector in structuring and negotiating agreements and transactions with transnational corporations in specific sectors (reports for 10 Governments, 4 training workshops); and assistance in the development of national information systems on transnational corporations;

(b) *Group training*

(i) Six training workshops, seminars and symposia on legal issues for creating a favourable investment climate, privatization, joint venture arrangements, capital market development, technology transfer, fiscal and financial arrangements in natural resources contracts, intellectual property protection policy in transitional economies and curricula for institutions of higher learning; issues on South Africa, environment and sustainable development; and free economic zones in transitional economies and developing countries. To enhance the entrepreneurship capabilities of small and medium-sized enterprises and to facilitate their links with transnational corporations;

(ii) Fellowships will be organized for government and/or private sector officials to develop skills in such areas as project evaluation; management and supervision of financial institutions; capital market development; and management of developing country transnational corporation organizations. Study tours will be organized for developing country and transitional economy officials to exchange experiences with respect to such issues as privatization; technology transfer; promoting foreign direct investment; and environmental protection.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.152 This programme would comprise 32 established posts in the Professional category and above and 12 established General Service posts, reflecting the following changes:

(a) Conversion of the temporary D-2 post to established status in order to provide continuing direction and guidance to the Division for Transnational Corporations and Investment;

(b) Consolidation of the activities and resources of the Joint Unit with ECE (one P-5, one General Service (Other level)) with the UNCTAD secretariat, Division for Transnational Corporations and Investment, in view of their location at the same duty station;

(c) Redeployment of one P-3 post to the subprogramme on privatization, entrepreneurship and competitiveness;

(d) Redeployment of one P-2 post to the programme on transnational corporations to strengthen its reference unit capabilities, from the subprogramme on structural adjustment and trading opportunities.

Other staff costs

10A.153 An amount of $25,500 is required for general temporary assistance to cover the peak workload periods related to preparation of the *World Investment Report*.

Consultants and experts

10A.154 The estimated requirements of $905,200 would provide for consultancy services and ad hoc expert groups as follows:

Subprogramme 1. (i) $189,600 for consultants for the preparation of technical publications and reports on issues related to international investment and transnational corporations, International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, and foreign direct investment statistics; and (ii) $61,300 for ad hoc expert group meetings;

Subprogramme 2. (i) $319,000 for consultants for the preparation of reports and publications under the subprogramme; and (ii) $115,900 for ad hoc expert group meetings;

Subprogramme 3. (i) $163,500 for consultants for the preparation of technical studies and reports under the subprogramme; and (ii) $55,900 for ad hoc expert group meetings.

Travel

10A.155 The proposed amount of $252,700 would provide for the following travel:

Subprogramme 1. Participation in sessions of the Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations by the joint units; missions of Geneva-based staff related to the harmonization of foreign direct investment reporting systems; preparation of country experience studies; and participation in international meetings on accounting, environmental law and bilateral, regional and international arrangements;

Subprogramme 2. Consultations and coordination with international organizations, in particular UNIDO, OECD, EU, the World Bank, IMF and the regional commissions, and participation in conferences and seminars of relevance to the subprogramme;

Subprogramme 3. Consultative missions related to the collection and exchange of foreign direct investment information.

Contractual services

10A.156 The estimated requirements of $127,800, reflecting an increase of $43,300, will be utilized for external printing of the programme's publications and for issuance and dissemination of the *World Investment Report* series and the *Transnational Corporations Journal*.

D. Programme support

Table 10A.51 **Summary by object of expenditure**
(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 expenditures*	*1994-1995 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1996-1997 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	9 540.4	11 810.7	(178.0)	(1.5)	11 632.7	391.3	12 024.0
Other staff costs	768.5	789.6	107.4	13.6	897.0	46.1	943.1
Consultants and experts	—	20.0	(9.4)	(47.0)	10.6	0.7	11.3
Travel	95.8	179.9	(128.1)	(71.2)	51.8	2.7	54.5
Contractual services	98.8	285.9	(125.7)	(43.9)	160.2	8.4	168.6
General operating expenses	2 473.4	3 125.3	(91.1)	(2.9)	3 034.2	155.4	3 189.6
Supplies and materials	1 312.5	1 435.5	50.0	3.4	1 485.5	76.1	1 561.6
Equipment	883.3	1 486.2	(915.5)	(61.6)	570.7	29.1	599.8
Improvement of premises	55.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**15 228.4**	**19 133.1**	**(1 290.4)**	**(6.7)**	**17 842.7**	**709.8**	**18 552.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1992-1993 expenditures	*1994-1995 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*1996-1997 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
—	—	(i) United Nations organizations	—
—	800.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	735.0
—	—	(b) Substantive activities	—
		(c) Operational projects	
1 181.0	2 500.0	UNDP	2 000.0
4 718.0	3 650.0	Technical cooperation trust funds	3 650.0
5 899.0	**6 950.0**		**6 385.0**
21 127.4	**26 083.1**		**24 937.5**

Table 10A.52 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Division for Programme Support and Management Services

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1994-1995	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*	*1994-1995*	*1996-1997*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	3	2	—	—	1	1	4	3
P-5	5	5	—	—	2	2	7	7
P-4/3	9	11	—	—	—	1	9	12
P-2/1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Total	**19**	**20**	**—**	**—**	**3**	**4**	**22**	**24**
General Service category								
Principal level	3	4	—	—	—	—	3	4
Other levels	32	29	—	—	12	11	44	40
Total	**35**	**33**	**—**	**—**	**12**	**11**	**47**	**44**
Grand total	**54**	**53**	**—**	**—**	**15**	**15**	**69**	**68**

10A.157 The Division for Programme Support and Management Services provides the following services to the UNCTAD secretariat: conference-servicing of all UNCTAD meetings; personnel and financial administration; programme and resource planning, budgeting and monitoring; programme coordination; internal oversight services; coordination, development and administration of technical cooperation activities; and promotion of a systematic approach to technical cooperation concerning human resource development in the sector of trade and related services.

10A.158 Activities include provision of technical support to the ninth session of the Conference, to the intergovernmental bodies of the Trade and Development Board and to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development. The Division is responsible for internal coordination and the organization of the consultative machinery for the management and conduct of intergovernmental meetings and negotiations, including logistical support. It is also responsible for the management of the technical cooperation programme of UNCTAD.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

10A.159 Programme support would consist of 20 posts in the Professional category and above and 33 General Service posts, reflecting a net decrease of 1 post due to the following changes:

(a) Redeployment of one D-1 post from programme support to executive direction and management;

(b) Redeployment of one P-4, one P-3 and one General Service (Principal level) post to programme support from executive direction and management, reflecting the transfer of the Technical Cooperation Unit from executive direction and management to programme support;

(c) The abolition of three General Service (Other level) posts due to improved technology.

Other staff costs

10A.160 The estimated requirements of $897,000 would provide $734,700 for general temporary assistance, including an increase of $107,400, for peak workload periods related mainly to the increased demands of UNCTAD's intergovernmental bodies, replacement of staff on maternity leave and sick leave, and

$162,300 for overtime coverage for the entire UNCTAD secretariat, mainly attributable to the schedule of intergovernmental meetings and related documentation.

Consultants and experts

10A.161 The estimated requirements of $10,600, reflecting a decrease of $9,400, would provide external evaluation of programme management, structure and effectiveness.

Travel

10A.162 The estimated requirements of $51,800, reflecting a decrease of $128,100 formerly related to travel for representation at UNCTAD meetings of national liberation movements recognized by OAU, would provide for missions to Headquarters for discussions related to programme planning and administrative, budgetary and personnel matters.

Contractual services

10A.163 The estimated requirements of $160,200, reflecting a decrease of $125,700 from 1994-1995, would provide for the printing of official records and reports of all UNCTAD meetings, for the printing of special covers for UNCTAD publications and administrative forms.

General operating expenses

10A.164 The estimated requirements of $3,034,200, including a decrease of $91,100 related to rental and maintenance costs, would provide for the following:

(a) $456,800 for rental of furniture and equipment, mainly photocopy equipment, and the cost of maintaining all of UNCTAD's office automation equipment;

(b) $192,700 for rental and maintenance of data-processing equipment for the UNCTAD secretariat;

(c) $2,266,300 for communications, requested for the entire UNCTAD secretariat, including international telecommunications, facsimile transmission, pouch and postage expenses;

(d) $39,200 for official functions and hospitality, primarily in the context of UNCTAD's intergovernmental bodies and sessions;

(e) $79,200 for miscellaneous expenses, including freight charges.

Supplies and materials

10A.165 An estimated amount of $1,485,500 is required for all UNCTAD office supplies, including reproduction supplies, paper and stationery, electronic data- and word-processing supplies, books and library supplies.

Equipment

10A.166 An amount of $570,700, reflecting a decrease of $915,500 for a one-time expenditure for technological equipment in 1994-1995, is required for the acquisition of office equipment.